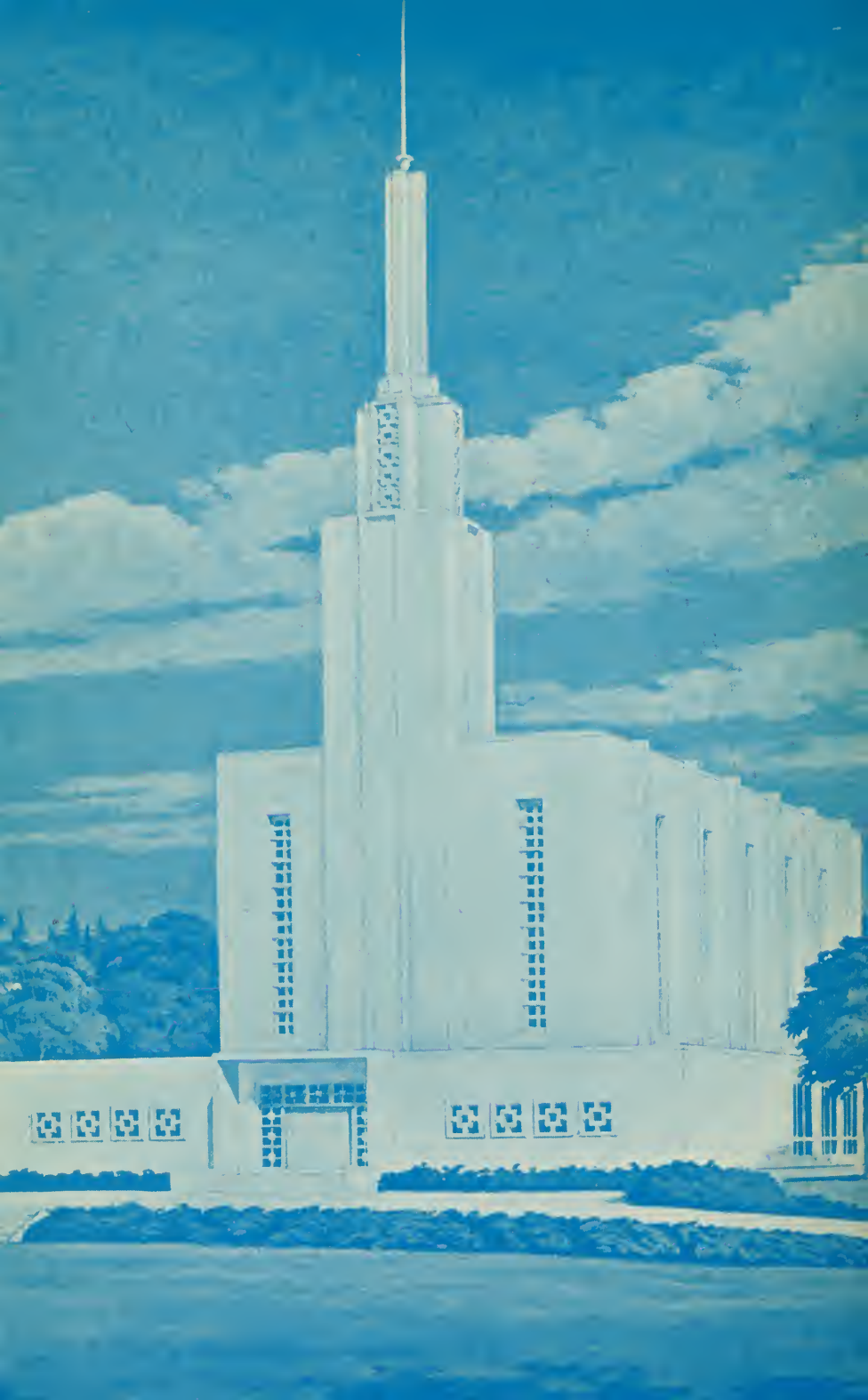


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Pres. and Sis. Theron
M. Ashcroft of the
Irish Mission.



Noted Educator Presides

★ Pres. and Sister Theron M. Ashcroft came to preside over the Irish Mission on August 8, 1967. They left their home in the small Mormon city of Cedar City in Southern Utah to enter the mission field and for the first time became acquainted with missionary life.

Pres. Ashcroft has been an active scoutmaster all his life and led one at the first Vanguard Groups in the Church. He filled offices in the M.I.A., Sunday School superintendency, and as counselor in a bishopric. This was followed by a number of years on the High Council. He was called to serve as Bishop and then Stake President. It was

from this position he was called to the Irish Mission. Pres. Ashcroft has been connected with young people all of his adult life, as a teacher and head of the Physical Science Department at the College of Southern Utah. Here he had much opportunity to counsel and guide young people.

Sister Ashcroft has grown up with the auxiliaries of the Church. For the first 10 years of her married life she worked in M.I.A. Then as her children grew up she took them with her into the Primary Association. She holds a 25 year service certificate for Primary work both on the ward and stake level.

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Latter years found her working as president of Relief Society, both ward and stake and Cultural Refinement Leader. She loves the young people of the Church and has always been keenly interested in their activity programmes.

Pres. and Sister Ashcroft have seven children, six married and one deceased. They have sixteen grandchildren. The love and support of their family has meant a great deal to them as they labour in the Irish Mission. They love their work here in the Emerald Isles

The chance to work with and guide the lives of 170 missionaries they believe is a great challenge, but also a great blessing. To know and love these choice young men and women, they say, is one of the greatest opportunities they could have. Also to know the wonderful Saints of Ireland and to feel their great strength and testimony is a blessing for them to treasure forever. They enjoy labouring and growing in the Gospel with them, and to look forward to growth of the Irish Mission in the coming years.

IRISH MISSION CREST

Four divisions of the Crest:

1. The Red hand of Ulster, representing the provinces of Northern Ireland.
2. The Harp, symbol of the Free Republic of Ireland.
3. The Three Legged symbol, representing the Isle of Man. "No matter which way I am thrown I will stand."
4. The Temple, the focal point of spirituality in the British Isles.

On either side of the Crest stands the Lion and the Unicorn. The Lion symbolizes the British crown, reminding us that this is one of the seven missions of the British Isles. Also the Lion symbolizes the House of Judah, stick of Judah or Holy Bible.

The Unicorn stands for the House of Ephraim which the Elders as servants of God represent in proclaiming the message of the everlasting Gospel to the world.

The Crest is topped by a figure representing the Angel Moroni. This signifies the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation of time and the preaching of the Gospel to all people on the earth.



The small Shamrock, represents the Emerald Islands.

The words under the Crest are "Ora, Studeo and Labora." This signifies the three laws of effective missionary effort, "Pray, Study and Work."

Together the Crest represents the "Mission of Destiny" the names given to the Irish Mission by President Covey at the time it was made an independent mission in 1962.

A "Mission Of Destiny"

★ "Good morning! My companion and I are representing Jesus Christ and His church. We're here to tell you that He loves you and wants you to be a member of His true church. May we come inside and talk to you for a few minutes?"

This is the way hundreds of Irish people are greeted each day by smiling missionaries located throughout the "Emerald Isle." These missionaries are part of one of the four zones which make up the Irish Mission. Zones 1 and 2 includes Belfast and surrounding areas. Zone 3 includes the area 30 miles north of Belfast and the Isle of Man. Zone 4 is the largest of the four zones taking in all of the Irish Republic.

Each zone comprises four to six districts, each district containing four to fourteen proselyting missionaries, bringing the total missionary force to one hundred and seventy. This complete force for good is capably led by Pres. Theron M. Ashcroft and his sincere, loving wife, who adjust and modify the programmes in accordance with the political contentions which are prevalent today in Northern Ireland. These programmes are also tailored to the needs of the people, keeping in mind the border complications which add to the bigotry and hate which, for years, has existed between Catholicism and Protestantism. These programmes may be classified into four main groups:

1. Door to door tracting, employing visual aids and placement copies of the Book of Mormon.
2. Street meetings and surveys.
3. Open-houses and firesides using films and discussions.
4. Baptismal services as well as other

investigator meetings.

All of the proselyting methods are proving worthwhile. The first; door to door tracting, is probably the method most commonly used throughout Ireland. Hundreds of copies of the Book of Mormon are placed by this programme, enabling a good team of missionaries to call back and teach the Gospel to these wonderful people. Flip charts and other visual aids help to hold the people's interest long enough for a strong testimony to be borne, which may open the heart of an individual to receive the Gospel.

Proselyting missionaries may knock on as many as 500 doors in one day. Of these, 200 were never opened, another 200 were never opened long enough to hear the wonderful message presented. Of the remaining 100, 85 will listen to the testimonies but always come back with that same trite phrase, "I'm sorry but I'm not interested." As many as 5 of those 15 remaining will listen to the Gospel message and skeptically consider it. One or two of these 5 may consider the testimonies of the missionaries and their glorious message prayerfully. These will have answers to their prayers and will then join themselves to the truth, embracing the Gospel and all of its programmes.

Street meetings and good weather seem to go together. On warmer days, the cities are busy with shoppers and tourists. This makes for an ideal situation for a street meeting. These meetings or surveys are usually held in a wide portion of the sidewalk in the centre of the city. Colourful pictures, and Tabernacle Choir background music help to get people's interest. These

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programmes are used throughout the Irish Mission also and are proving very effective in breaking down barriers between "Mormonism" and the people. Through this method, hundreds of people are exposed to the Gospel truths taught within Christ's Church. Many copies of the Book of Mormon are placed through street meetings too, again enabling missionaries to return and teach the Gospel.

Efficiency is a key word here in the Irish Mission. Efficiency determines the heights of success that can be attained. To be efficient advantage must be taken of every opportunity. Throughout Ireland, there are four beautiful chapels. These are very effective proselyting tools if used properly. All missionaries are invited to bring their contacts to an "open-house" held within one of the chapels. Here, the contacts will be introduced to Relief Society, Primary, M.I.A. and Sunday School presidencies who will in turn explain to them their particular auxiliary, showing them samples of their works, such as quilts from the Relief Society, or children singing to represent Primary or Sunday school. A short skit from M.I.A. always makes a hit with contacts. After the contacts have been introduced to the Church and its auxiliary organisations, they are all taken into the recreational room where they see the film "Man's Search for Happiness." This programme is effective and again, copies of the Book of Mormon are placed and appointments made.

The fourth programme or proselyting tool is by no means the least effective. This is the baptismal service which for zone 1 and 2 are held every Thursday evening. Here, contacts can witness for themselves an actual baptism by the proper authority and they can feel the spirit there as many are given the Holy Ghost.

Branch and district presidencies or other strong members then welcome the newly baptised members into the "household of God." It is a spiritual uplift for everyone there and helps convince the contacts that Christ's Church is upon the earth today in its fulness, and that the authority of Jesus Christ is here today.

People are fast recognizing the truth. Ireland is a promising part of the vineyard. It has a history of great Church leaders serving missions for the same cause, to build up the Kingdom of God and to glorify His name. Men like John Taylor and President David O. McKay served in Ireland.

The Irish Mission was officially organised in 1962, Steven R. Covey being the first president of the mission. The Irish Mission is probably the only mission in the world which contains three distinct countries within its boundaries; Northern Ireland, Free Republic of Ireland and the Isle of Man, each a separate and distinct government.

Under Pres. Covey several branches were organised and new chapels built and dedicated. Next came Rolland L. Jaussi under whose direction came two more new chapels, completed and dedicated, making four, all located in the north. Numbers of saints kept increasing steadily, necessitating new programmes and new ideas. These are being met by Pres. Ashcroft under whose administration and largely through his inspiration, giant strides are being made to achieve stakehood in the near future. All preparatory measures are being taken to accommodate this step. The Irish Mission has properly been named the "Mission of Destiny" and the saints and missionaries feel they are destined to succeed. New programmes are working well and the enthusiasm of each missionary can be felt throughout the mission.

John Taylor—First Missionary Came To Ireland In July, 1840

★ The first missionary arrived in Ireland on July 29, 1840. He was John Taylor who later became president of the Church. Two days later he and his companion baptised their first convert in the waters of Lough Brickland. For the next 120 years there was never more than a hand-full of missionaries in Ireland at one time. Early members tell of their excitement and joy of seeing the missionaries about every six months when two men wearing long black coats and high hats came walking down the road.

Then in February, 1961, Ireland was included in the Scottish-Irish Mission. The missionary force increased from 6 to 24 and the membership increased from 540 to 843 in a little over 14 months. The next big step in the progress of the mission came in July, 1962, when the Irish Mission was organised and the missionary force increased to 90 members. The first missionary conference was held in the Grand Central Hotel in Belfast on July 13, of that year and those present were President Henry D. Moyle, Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, President Nathan Eldon Tanner, President Bernard P. Brockbank of the Scottish-Irish Mission, and President Steven R. Covey of the newly organised Irish Mission. Since that time the mission has grown steadily in membership, in missionaries and in activity.

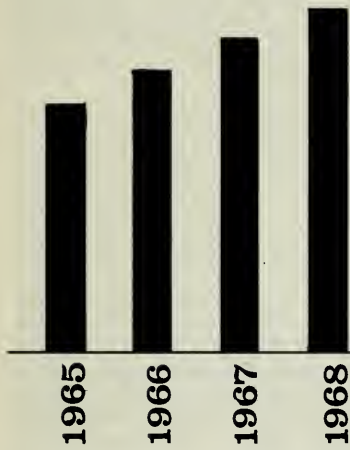
There are now more than 4,000 members and more than 170 missionaries. The accompanying chart shows the consistent growth in some of the activities of the Church.



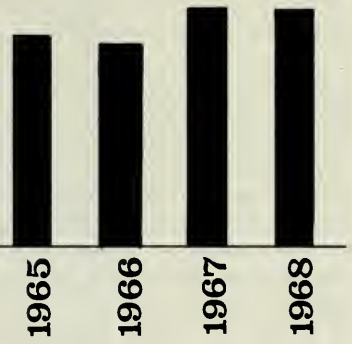
Lough Brickland where first Irish convert was baptised in 1840.

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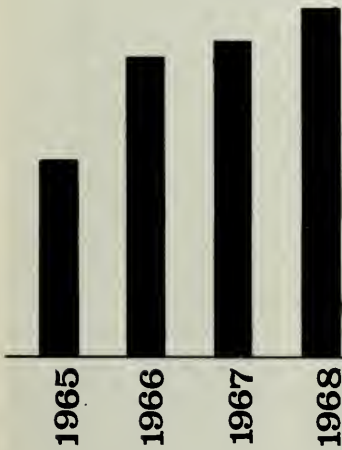
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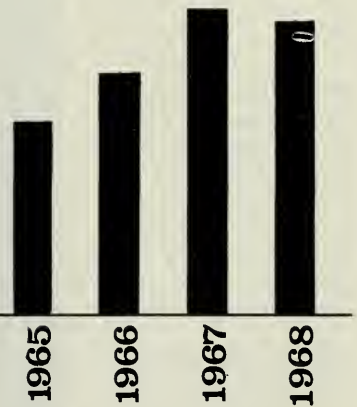
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Fast Offerings



Charts depict steady growth pattern of Irish Mission.

Work Performed With Love

★ Much of the warmth and love reflected in the Irish Mission Home is due to the work of Sister Nickles as cook and Sister Grey (affectionately called Nanny Grey) as housekeeper.

Nanny has been at the mission home ever since it was acquired by the Church. She came first as a Nanny for the Covey children when Pres. and Sister Covey were called to head the mission. When the Coveys left, Nanny had become so attached to the home, that she stayed on as the housekeeper. Her love for the home is shown by the way she keeps things shining from top to bottom. Her words "dear bless him"

are pronounced on every Elder who enters the doors either to stay or for the briefest of calls.

Sister Grey has two married sons and a married daughter and two boys at home with her. She has been a member of the Church for three years and delights in finding new investigators to bring to Redhill to "open house" or to refer to the Elders for teaching. Nanny says that Redhill is her second home. She loves every inch of it and it shows in the loving care she gives it.

Sister Nickels' happy personality, and smiling face reigns over the kitchen on

Sister Evelyn Grey,
housekeeper at Red-
hill.



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Sister Rachel Nickles,
cook at mission home

five days of the week. Often the dining room door is left ajar so that the mission family can enjoy a "live concert" while eating as Sister Nickles sings Irish love songs or hymns as the spirit moves her. She came to the mission home in 1967 and after Sister Ashcroft brought an American cook book and a set of measuring cups and spoons, she quickly learned to cook the favorite American dishes. Occasionally she treats them to a Fish and Chips dinner or some Irish treat just to remind them that they are still in Ireland.

Brother and Sister Nickles are active members of the Rathcoole Branch. She is 1st counselor in the District Primary Board, Social Science leader on the Belfast District Relief Society Board and a Sunday School teacher in the Rathcoole Branch. She is also a Relief

Society visiting teacher and sings with the District Singing Mothers group. Brother and Sister Nickles have five children. The oldest son is in America attending B.Y.U. The next son is in the Air Force. Two daughters and a son are at home.

Sister Nickles has been a member of the Church for seventeen years and has seen many changes take place in the Irish Mission. Her strong testimony of the Gospel is a strength to all who are around her and her happy disposition brightens up the mission home whenever she is here.

Those who live at the mission home hope that Nanny Grey and Sister Nickles will be able to spend many years in the work they do so well. Their willing and joyous service is an example to all who labour here.

Gardener Delights In Beautiful Grounds Surrounding Mission Home

★ Robert Hall, the genial gardener, keeps the spacious grounds of "Redhill" as well as dispensing "bits and pieces" of information on good gardening procedures. "Bob" as affectionately called was born, reared and still lives in Dunmurry about three miles from "Redhill". Although 71 years of age he still rides his bicycle to work each morning, and even goes home for lunch so that his wife will not be lonesome. Their family home was on the Old Forge Estate which is next to the Lady Dixon Estate. As a boy he used to do errands and odd jobs for the gardener of Lady Dixon and finally started as an apprentice gardener. When the gardener at Lady Dixon died, Bob's father took the job and he stayed on as a gardener. After his father's death, he took his place and worked there until about 1947 when he was hired as gardener at "Redhill." When the L.D.S. Church obtained the property in 1962, Bob stayed on to care for the beautiful grounds. At one time there were three other helpers working under Bob's direction but now he does the work himself with occasionally a helping hand from Pres. Ashcroft or one of the mission staff elders.

The grounds around "Redhill" comprise about 5 acres. The property is surrounded by beautiful old trees of many varieties (Bob can tell you the names



Robert Hall, gardener at Redhill.

of all of them.) The spacious lawns, Rhododendron bushes, formal rose beds, sweetpea hedges along the fence, dahlias, lupins, wallflower and chrysanthemum beds make a delightful setting for all who visit "Redhill."

Bob keeps the Mission Home supplied with cut flowers in season, and forces bulbs for early spring flowers, so that there are fresh flowers all year around.

The loving care Bob gives the grounds and his gentle, pleasing personality is appreciated. Bob is a member of the Church of Ireland. He and his wife still live in the family homestead in Dunmurry. He says he has never travelled outside of Belfast, but has spent his entire life right in this neighbourhood.

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"Redhill" the Irish Mission Home.

The Mission Home — Inside View

by Lucretia P. Ashcroft wife of the Mission President

★ Whenever I go to buy supplies or needed equipment for the Mission Home the question is always asked by those serving me. "Where is the Mission Home?" or "What is the Mission Home?" So I have a little explaining to do and often get in a "wee bit" of proselyting on the side.

The Irish Mission Home is a beautiful old Red brick mansion home called "Redhill." It has 25 rooms counting the five bathrooms. It is used as the Home of the Mission President and Headquarters of the Irish Mission and here all transactions of the mission are centered. The President guides the



Dinner time at "Redhill" with Sister Ashcroft.



Group of Elders at special Fast and Testimony Meeting starting off a "spiritual feast month"

affairs of his staff of 170-180 missionaries from the Home. Here the Zone Leaders meet to make "moves," to set policies and talk over problems. District Leaders also bring problems and seek advice from the President. The Mission Secretary guides the business affairs from the Home, the Mission Accountant handles all financial affairs from here and the Recorder keeps all Church records. The Printer takes care of all Mission printing from his printing office and all supplies are dispensed from the commissary. The Personal Secretary to the President answers correspondence for the President, keeps a historical record of the Mission, operates the switchboard, keeps a personal file on all the missionaries and keeps a scrapbook on all the activities of the Mission. As wife of the Mission President I try to keep gears oiled and moving smoothly so that the work can go on. One thing we have found as a necessity is to have a room "ever ready" for the sick and ailing. Whenever things get too bad for the Elders to handle, there is a bed waiting at "Redhill." Few weeks pass

without our "sick bay" being filled.

We who occupy the Home now, are grateful to those who renovated, modernized and decorated "Redhill" so beautifully. Many thanks should go to Sister Covey who supervised this work and gave us this warm, friendly home to enjoy. We love "Redhill" with its spacious rooms and hallways and I love to share its warmth and beauty with others.

Once a week an "Open House" is held at "Redhill." The missionaries bring their investigators or their newly baptised members to enjoy a friendly evening viewing "Man's Search For Happiness," a tour of "Redhill," refreshments and a visit with the home staff. This has been a popular occasion and most Elders say if they can get their contacts to spend an evening at "Redhill" and attend a Baptismal service, it is pretty certain they can baptise them. Other Youth Firesides and planning meetings are also held whenever the occasion permits.

One section of the Home is reserved for our special guests. When our lead-

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Mission Home staff,
from left, Elders Jex,
Nelson and Watkins,
Sister Newbold and
Elder Lilengrin.



ers come from Salt Lake they find a warm welcome and comfortable surroundings for their stay here.

With all of these uses, "Redhill" is something else however. It is a Home, not only for those who live here, but for all Missionaries. It is a place to come to when trouble arrives, when questions have to be answered, when supplies are needed or directions

required. It is their "Home away from home."

We love this work and our calling. We try to serve the Mission by serving missionaries and members. We are constantly trying to improve our methods so that we can better serve. We pledge our honest efforts to do this so that the Lord's work may go forward in the Irish Mission.



Street meeting is a fine proselyting tool.



Elder Kenneth George Lynn, East French Mission.



Elder Raymond Lowry, North German Mission.

Three Youths From Ireland Serving Full Time Missions



Elder Robert Entwistle, North British Mission.

★ On January 23, 1969, Robert Entwistle flew to England where he will serve a two year mission in the North British Mission. Robert is the son of Robert and Sarah Jamison Entwistle of Belfast. He was called from the Mount Pottinger Branch of the Belfast District. He has been a member of the Church since February, 1964, and has been active in the youth programmes of the Church. ...

Robert joins the ranks with two Irish Elders in the field. Raymond Lowry is a missionary in North Germany. His parents are Henry and Ellen Coulter Lowry of Lisburn. Kenneth George Lynn, is serving in France. He is the son of President William Robert Lynn and Sister Lynn. Brother Lynn is president of the Dublin Branch.

The Mission District

★ The Mission District consists of the Free Irish Republic and Isle of Man and is supervised by the Mission Home.

There are only two fully organised branches in this district; Dublin and Isle of Man. There are four dependent branches operated by the proselyting elders. They are Banbridge, Newry, Waterford, and Cork. These each have a rented hall to meet in and are carrying forward whatever part of the programme that applies to their congregations. There are several home Primaries and one or two home Relief Societies functioning. In Waterford there is an active M.I.A. organisation and also a Primary, which consistently has 100% attendance. These branches and auxiliaries though small, are serving a good purpose in teaching the Gospel to the members in these areas.



Douglas Branch Sun-
day School.



Douglas Branch Chri-
stmas Primary party.

Those attending Douglas Branch Feb. 9.

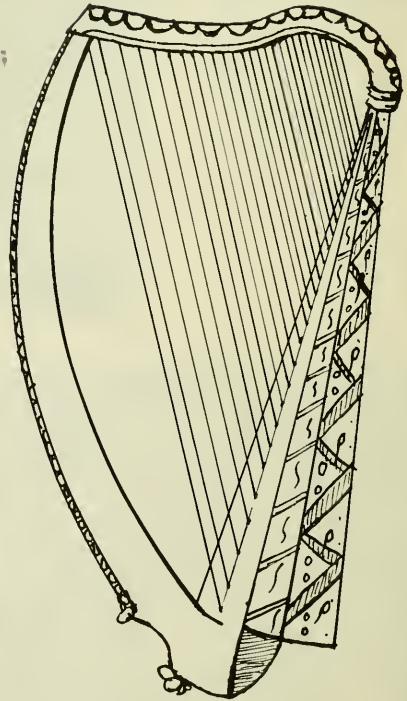


MISSION M.I.A.

There are three dependent M.I.A's in the Mission District. These are at Dublin, Isle of Man and Waterford. These Branches are organized under the "Small M.I.A." plan and are functioning very well. Whenever possible the young people of these branches join with the Belfast District in their activities. This gives them an opportunity of meeting the other young people of the mission.



Pres. Kendall W. Bunker and Sister Ruth Bunker of Douglas Branch, Isle of Man.



Mission Relief Society (Dependent Branches)

by Mary Brooks

★ There are five Relief Societies dependent on the Mission, these are Isle of Man, Dublin, Waterford, Cork and Newry, two of which are organized societies, namely Isle of Man and Dublin.

The Isle of Man carries on ably under President Mollie Bennett. They carry out the Relief Society programme as fully as they can and the spirit among the sisters is very high. One of the highlights of this society was a project that enabled them to visit the temple. They are again working towards this goal and hope to go again in the near future.

The Dublin Relief Society is one of the oldest Societies in Ireland. It is run under the direction of Maude McCabe, and throughout the years has sustained 100% Visiting Teaching. Their membership has grown greatly during this past year due to the many baptisms which have taken place in this area. The new sisters are keen and love the Relief Society work.

The little home Relief Societies carried on under the direction of the missionaries are creating an interest in and a love for the organisation among the few sisters in Waterford, Cork and Newry. They are good springboards from which Relief Society can develop whenever the membership of the Church grows in these areas.

MARY BROOKS

★ Mary Brooks joined the Church on 16th June 1956. In August of that year she was called as a counselor in the branch Relief Society and in January 1957 was called as branch Relief Soc-



Sister Mary Brooks, Mission Relief Society president.

iety president, an office which she held 5 years until she was called to the district.

She has worked in M.I.A., Primar and Sunday School (at present she teaches course 8 in Sunday School). In 1963 when the Irish District became a Mission she was called as 1st counselor in the Relief Society Mission Presidency and in October 1964 was called as Mission Relief Society president. When she was released in 1967 she again worked on the District Board and in the branch Relief Society as 1st counselor and Spiritual Living class leader. She was again recalled as Mission Relief Society President in November 1968 a position which she still holds. She received a conviction of the scope of Relief Society before she was baptised and has an unshaken testimony that this organization is truly the instrument by which the women can progress in themselves. She also believes that Relief Society offers the opportunity for the sisters to carry out the work of our Heavenly Father under the direction of the Priesthood—



Dublin Branch presidency, from left, John E. Fowler, 1st C. Pres. William R. Lynn and Lawrence Hudson, second counselor and clerk.

★The Dublin Branch is presided over by William R. Lynn with John E. Fowler and Laurence Hudson second counselor and branch clerk. There are now 107 members in the branch and it is fast growing into a strong and well organised unit of the Church.

In 1900 Louise Speidel joined the Church in Liverpool and a week later came to Dublin to visit her two sisters, Mrs. William Yorkstitter and Mrs. Fredrick Baker. She told them about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was the first time either of them had heard of the "Mormons" and they were very interested. A small group formed and met together in each other's homes. They wrote to Belfast asking to become members and Elder Frekelton and Elder Saddies (missionaries from Utah) were sent down to perform the baptisms.

Fredrick Baker was the first baptism in Dublin. He was baptised in the River Liffy, February, 1900. Six people were baptised in March 1901. The Dublin

Branch was organized on March 29, 1901 with nine members. Fredrick Baker was set apart as branch president with Brothers Eardley and Yorkstetter as counselors. Sister Minnie Baker acted as clerk. They continued to meet in each other's homes as there was no hall available.

Relief Society was organized in 1907 by Bathsheba Penrose. Minnie Baker was president, Marie Yorstetter and Margaret Horlacker counselors. The present president of Relief Society, Sister Maude McCabe is a niece of Fredrick Baker, the first member baptised in Dublin.

The small branch continued to grow until it reached around 40 members in 1946. On July 28, 1946, William R. Lynn was baptised and a month later married his childhood sweetheart, Maureen Magerly, who had first introduced him to Mormonism as they played table tennis in her home. A year later Brother Lynn was made an Elder and sustained as president of Dublin Branch with

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Christian F. Steele and George Bruner as counselors. At this time many of the members immigrated to California, Salt Lake and England, leaving only a handful of members in Dublin. Conversions to the Gospel came slowly in this area possibly due to the high percentage of devout Catholics who live there, and also, to the fact that only two elders were stationed there. However, now there is a force of twenty four elders

in Dublin and branch membership has climbed to 107 with many choice families coming into the Church. All auxiliaries are organised and functioning well for the benefit of the members. They have outgrown their little hall on Eccles Street where they have met for many years. The Church is in the process of buying a building site and hopes are high that they will be able to start building a chapel this spring.

Runner up, winner of road show, Bangor Branch.



Winner of Annual Road show in Irish Mission, Lisburn Branch, from left, Annie E. Davis, Pres. Arthur Webb, Hazel Hammond.



From left, Belfast District presidency, William McBride, clerk; William Stewart, 1st C; Pres John J. Owens and George Warren, 2nd C.

BELFAST DISTRICT PRESIDENCY

★The Belfast District is presided over by Pres. John J. Owens, assisted by counselors William Stewart and George Warren. Bro. William Mc Bride is the District Clerk. The District office is located in Mountpottinger Chapel, Holywood Road, Belfast.

President Owens is a member of Mountpottinger Branch but was born at Drumaroad, Castlewellan, near the Mountains of Mourne in Co. Down. He served in the British Army and married Doris Chown in 1952. They have four children, Anthony, Jeremy, Hilary and Jenny. They were all sealed in The London Temple. Pres. Owens is employed in the Petroleum industry. He enjoys Genealogical research and has a fine tenor voice.

William Stewart, a member of Rosetta Branch, was born in Belfast and reared in the Church by parents who were both members. He was employed on two occasions by the Church Genealogical Department in both research and Microfilming duties. Brother Stewart married Sarah Anne Allen and they have four children, Allen, Robert, Carol and Susan. He lists as highlights in his life as the day he baptised his wife;

being ordained an elder at age twenty, and being sealed to Sister Stewart in the Temple at Berne, Switzerland.

George Warren attends Rosetta Branch but was born and reared at Watford, Herts. Formerly a Physical Education instructor in the Forces, he came to Belfast to manage the branch office of an optical manufacturer. He married Betty M. R. Langston in 1950 and they have two fine daughters, Janet and Suzanne. All are faithful in the Gospel and have been sealed in the London Temple. Brother Warren was a keen amateur footballer and still has an avid interest in the game, especially if Watford are playing.

William McBride is the youngest member of the District team and hails from Ballymoney in Co. Antrim. He is a member of the Rathdoole Branch and is engaged to a fine L.D.S., girl Carol Cuming. They are to be married in June and will then attend the Cavehill Branch. William is interested in sports and is an excellent basketball player. His employment concerns the sale of fire fighting equipment.

As a presidency all have a single purpose, to serve the Lord and build His Kingdom here on the earth.

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Elders Quorum presidency, Roy Jackson, left, counselor; Pres. Herbert Brooks and Alexander Kirk, sect.



ELDERS QUORUM

★The Elders Quorum in Ireland is composed of a hundred and thirty seven members formed into small groups and living in fifteen separate branches and three districts with the majority living in the Belfast District. The strength of the quorum lies in the loyal hard working group leaders. These men are dedicated to the work and the quorum presidency working with the group leaders have great hope for the future. The quorum is presided over by Pres. Herbert Brooks, of Bangor Branch, with Roy Jackson, of Mount Pottinger Branch as counselor and Alexander Kirk, of Cavehill Branch as secretary.

The quorum has three members serving on full time missions in France,

Germany and England.

The elders are encouraging their members to help in the construction of the new chapel at Rosetta and also to assist in the financing of the building.

A good turn out of the elders and their wives attended the recent Quorum Dinner Dance and party with everyone taking part in the theme of the evening dressed as castaways on a desert island. They enjoyed the fellowship, one with another and everyone voted to hold another such party in the near future.

The goal for 1969, is to establish 100% home teaching. Through this programme they hope to have every elder active with all of them holding temple recommends and working on his genealogy.



Belfast District Relief Society board, from left, front, Emma Macdonald, visiting teaching; Mary Houston, cultural refinement; Sarah Griffiths, chorister; back, Rachel Nickles, social relations; Georgina Harrison, 1st C; Pres Harriet Morrow.

BELFAST DISTRICT RELIEF SOCIETY

★ The Belfast District comprises eight Relief Societies, Bangor, Cavehill, Lisburn, Mount Pottinger, Portadown, Rathcoole, Rosetta and Stranmillis.

All of these branches worked for a Christmas Bazaar, held last December on a district level, and which was quite successful.

Relief Society Sisters from the various branches are also helping on the building for the new Rosetta Chapel which will be completed early this summer.

Various branches are working towards their Spring Bazaars. The Fashion Parade was a part of the Relief Society birthday party in March.

Belfast District YW MIA presidency, from left, Sister Pritchard, Yvonne Orme, president; Janet Houston, activity counselor.



M.I.A. IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT

★ Although under-staffed, the Belfast District M.I.A. Board with the assistance of four missionaries as an Activity Committee, have endeavoured to put the M.I.A. programme into operation and have had a certain degree of success.

Visiting the branches involves considerable traveling as Belfast District includes Lisburn, 6 miles away, Bangor,

13 miles and Portadown, 26. The in-town branches, although scattered, are within easy reach of the board and the recent amalgamation of three branches has simplified visiting.

The branches were well represented in the cast of "Let It Rain," "All In Favor" and "Make Mine Happy" which were a tremendous success with "packed house" each time.

Dancing as usual is one of the best supported parts of the M.I.A. programme.

The Quartet and Musical Festival once again showed how much talent is in the Belfast District. It is encouraging to see some branch presidents using young people to provide a musical touch to Branch Conferences and Sacrament meetings. With the Creative Art Exhibition the next District event on the calendar, a Speech Festival, and One Act Play Festival to follow, it will be a very busy few months for everyone.

The highlight of the year is the



Brian McCandless, Belfast District YMMIA superintendent and James M. Graham, first assistant superintendent.

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Roadshows at which an audience of about 350 members and investigators last year were treated to a wonderful evenings entertainment. This years theme "The Only One of It's kind should provide some hilarious results.

Some of the youth are still talking about the June Youth Conference when

President Mark E. Petersen was present. He was the guest speaker at the Sunday evening fireside which included a beautiful testimony meeting. They are already working on the next conference and hopes are high that it will be memorable

It would seem that as the programme is applied we enjoy success.



Belfast District Primary board, from left, Joan Crawford, 2nd C; Pres. Ruth Beattie, Carol Cummings, chorister; Jackie Williamson, organist. Not shown, Rachel Nickles, 1st C.

Primary Through The Years In Ireland

★ The Latter-day Saint children in Ireland have always been taught in Primary, though it was not until the Irish Mission was organized in 1962 that the workers in this organisation began to learn the complete Primary programme.

Prior to this time, under the direction of the Priesthood, the children in the Church (and many who were not L.D.S.) were assembled together and taught by good women, knowing little of the Primary programme but having some of the spirit of Aurelia Spencer Rodgers, an abounding love for these children of our Heavenly Father; a strong testimony of the Gospel and an understanding of what any children need to know to help them to have a spiritual foundation plus

the basis of good citizenship. Quite a few of these "children," now grown men and women with families of their own, remember and thank these women for their patience and diligence in carrying out the Primary programme as they understood it.

In 1962 under the direction of the wife of the first Irish Mission President, Sister Sandra M. Covey, the Primary programme in its entirety was introduced in the Irish Mission. Sister Jill Bleakley a young local women was called to help Sister Covey in the initiation of the programme. Sister Bleakley introduced the standard and taught the proper procedure for Primary meetings. After some months in this office Sister Bleakley was called to M.I.A. and for a



Tables set for Belfast District Primary Daddy Daughter Dinner.

short time two proselyting lady missionaries were called to work in the Primary organisation.

The next local Sister called as the mission Primary president, with two lady missionaries to help, was Sister Harriet Morrow. The mission was then divided into two districts with Sister Mary Stamp and Sister Dora Bailey as the new districts Primary presidents. These districts were then amalgamated again with Sister Bailey as the district Primary president.

After Sister Morrow was released, Sister Price, a proselyting lady missionary, who was here with her husband, was called as the mission Primary president, with two local Sisters, Sister Ruth Beattie and Sister Maureen Sloan as counselors.

Under the new Mission Pres. Rolland

Jaussi, Brother and Sister Price were assigned to continue their proselyting work in the Isle of Man and Sister Ruth Beattie was the new mission Primary president. A short time after this the mission heads of the auxiliaries were dissolved. Sister Bailey was released, having left with her family for the States, and Sister Ruth Beattie was called as the Belfast District Primary president.

In 1967 under Sister Jaussi the Irish Mission Primaries were presented with the Primary colours by the Primary General Board in honour of a 17% increase in the attendance of children at Primary for the year 1966-67.

At present in the Belfast District there are seven branch Primaries with four dependent home Primaries, the remaining branch has two home Prim-

Belfast District Primary Daddy Daughter Dinner.



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aries. The District Primary presidency is: Sister Ruth Beattie, President; Sister Rachel Nickels, 1st Counselor, Sister Joan Crawford, 2nd Counselor, with Sister Carol Cummings, chorister and Sister Jacqueline Williamson, pianist.

Sister Ashcroft, the current Mission President's wife, has given much encouragement as well as the benefit of her past experience in the Primary work. The Sisters are dedicated to the work, trying to give of their best so that this work will grow from strength to strength with only one main goal in mind, to teach the children of the Belfast District in Ireland to "pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord," with the knowledge that if they succeed in this all other things shall be added unto them.

DADDY DAUGHTER—DINNER

★ On January 25th, Belfast District held their Daddy-Daughter Dinner. Over 70 were in attendance. The tables were gaily decorated in Primary colours and a huge snowman adorned the centre of the floor. After a delightful dinner there were toasts to the Dads and Daughters. A special tribute was paid to the Branch and Mission Dads and their Daughters from Rathcoole, Mount Pottinger, Rosetta, Cavehill, Stranmillis and Bangor Branches. The remainder of the evening was spent in fun and games.

Another section of
Belfast District Primary
Daddy Daughter
Dinner.



Pres. Arthur Webb,
Lisburn.

Lisburn Branch

★ The Lisburn Branch was founded in the same town where John Taylor preached the restored Gospel for the first time in Ireland. The branch hall is located on Market Square where President Taylor originally opened this part of the vineyard.

From humble beginnings the branch has grown to a membership of 68. A recent renovation of the meeting hall has made this gathering of the Saints a pleasant place.

At present the branch presidency is working in cooperation with the proselyting missionaries in developing the proper activities of the various organisations. The Lisburn Branch looks forward to growth for a more complete organisation to help the Saints. Arthur Webb serves as branch president.

MOUNT POTTINGER BRANCH

The Mount Pottinger Branch is one of the older branches in Ireland, having been known earlier as the East Belfast Branch. Their first church-owned home was at 13 "The Mount" until the beautiful site at Hollywood Road and Circular Road was purchased in 1959 and a spacious building erected there during 1961-1963. The first branch president to serve in the building was Thomas N. L. Millan.

The branch has continued to grow until at present it has a membership of 600 and is running a full church programme. The present branch president is Robert Kingan, with Samuel S. Leaky as first counselor and Samuel S. McDowell as second counselor. Brother Kingan was baptised in June of 1966 and Brother Leaky in November 1967 and Brother McDowell, August of 1968. All have accepted their responsibility with enthusiasm and are dedicating themselves to the work.



Pres. Robert Kingan of Mt. Pottinger Branch. (Counselors shown on Page 33)

RATHCOOLE BRANCH

★ At one time the Belfast District consisted of only one branch and this was at the Mount. This branch was divided and the Rathcoole Branch was organised in 1962. At this time Brother Arthur Stamp was called as branch president with Alfred Nickles as first counselor. The spirit of the small branch was excellent. The meetings took place in a rented hall in the Rathcoole estate. It

was a desire of every member to have a place of their own to meet in. Through the guidance of Mission Pres. Stephen R. Covey, a building was purchased by the Church in Whiteabbey. This is where the saints now meet and enjoy the leadership of Pres. McClelland with Albert McCracken as counselor.



Pres. William McClelland, Rathcoole. Albert G. McCracken, Rathcoole counselor

HISTORY OF THE ROSETTA BRANCH

★ The Rosetta Branch evolved from the old Belfast Branch, which met at 13 The Mount. The branch was divided creating the East and West Belfast Branches; the former over which John Jude Owens was called to preside. The East Belfast Branch grew so rapidly that it also had to be divided, thus emerged the Mount Pottinger and Rosetta Branches.

The Rosetta Branch was organised under the presidency of Bro. Owens late in 1962. They left the Mount with a membership of 170 some 90 of which were active, to meet in the British Legion Hall at Montgomery Road, Belfast. Because of successful missionary and fellowshiping programmes and the fact that the meeting house was moved to a more central location, the meetings were well attended.

Eight short weeks later saw the Rosetta Branch evicted and re-housed at The Mount because of the anti-Mormon feeling that prevailed in the Montgomery

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Rosetta Branch presidency, from left, Robert Andrews, 2nd C; Jos McCallum, clerk. Pres. Dermont Shields, David Stewart, clerk; Samuel Douglas, 1st C.

Road Branch committee of the British Legion. Sharing the Mount with another branch created cramped conditions. The building was inadequate to house either one of the branches and growth was limited. The need for new meeting places was obvious. The saints prayed and the mission, district, and branch authorities worked tirelessly to find a new place to meet. Prayer and effort were rewarded. A most choice plot of land was secured for Rosetta. On it stood a large house surrounded by green, velvety, close-cut lawns, colourful flower beds, and much variety in trees and shrubbery upon which grew all colours of giant flowers. All was enclosed by tidily kept hedges blending in a splendor that touched on the spectacular. The house is called "The Limes" and is beautifully situated part way down the neatly tree lined Annadale Avenue, off the Ormeau Road, Belfast.

The saints rolled up their sleeves and went to work pulling down walls to make a bigger room for a chapel, painting and decorating, rewiring for electrical appliances and fixing ceilings. All this was completed under the technical guidance and practical help of Church Building Supervisor, Stephen A. James, a well respected man who was also a counselor to Pres. Owens. The saints gave thanks for their new home. On the 17th day of March 1963, Rosetta Branch moved into "The Limes" holding the first Sacrament meeting there in

this new environment.

President Owens proved to be a great leader. He is still loved and respected by all. The Rosetta membership was many times blessed under his guidance. However, in February 1966, Bro. Owens was called to preside over the Belfast District and outlying areas and has done so successfully ever since.

The branch was now faced with a change of leadership for the first time in several years. Approximately the first Sunday in March of that same year Samuel J. Douglas was called to preside over Rosetta with William Stewart as 1st counselor, Ronald B. Mayne as clerk; later joined by Joseph C. McCallum as clerk and Bro. Mayne taking the responsibilities of 2nd counselor.

Almost two years later on the 5th day of November 1967, Bro. Douglas was released and Bro. Dermot Sheils was called as president of the branch with Joseph C. McCallum as 1st counselor, Robert H. Andrews as 2nd counselor and George Warren as clerk.

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BANGOR BRANCH

★ The Bangor Branch was first organized in 1948 with Elder Darrell Burnett as president. The foundation members were Dr. John Bleakley former member of the South London Branch, Sister McCurdy (now deceased,) the Kelso family and the Prior family (both families now live in Canada.) The meetings

were held on the first floor above a grocer's shop at 17 High Street until 1957 when the branch moved to its present address 91 Donaghadee Road.

The branch came under local leadership in 1959 when Herbert W. Brookes was called as branch president with Dr. J. Bleakley and Bro. N. Farbus as counselors and Bro. J. Huddleston as clerk. Relief Society sisters were very keen to help the building fund and took a stall in the local open-air market on which they sold homemade bread, cakes and jam. In three months they made £100 profit which they handed over to this worthy cause.



Pres. Peter Ferguson of Bangor Branch and Fredrick H. McKenna, counselor.

M.I.A. entered all the district road shows and were winners on numerous occasions. Christmas parties and pantomimes in which the whole branch participated, were held under M.I.A. to which children from various Children's Homes and Orphanages were invited each year. The transport for the children was provided by the members and each child went home with a present from Santa.

Primary has worked industriously over the years teaching the children the precepts of the Gospel Sunday School

has always been strong in the branch and has the best attendance.

Bangor Branch has always been interested in missionary work and over the years has taken an active part in this programme with district and youth missionaries. Two of their young men have filled full time missions and one a building mission.

It has always been their desire to have a building of their own and after many disappointments this now looms happily on the horizon. Under the present Branch Pres. Peter K. Ferguson, they hope to go forward into the future with renewed faith, eager to do the Lord's work.

STRANMILLIS BRANCH

★ Stranmillis Branch situated in South-west Belfast consists of 483 members. They meet in a temporary hall at 32 Shankill Road. David Larmour is President; William Blainey, 1st counselor; James McCall, 2nd counselor. In this Presidency we have a storeman-driver, a cinema projectionist, and a florist.

Stranmillis Relief Society is headed by Sandra Rodgers. It is an active group having an average attendance of eighteen.

At present the M.I.A. meet at the Mount Pottinger Branch due to the limited facilities at Shankill Road.

The Primary Association is run by Sister Mae Rock as president and Sister Mary Sheridan and Sister Carol Cummings as counselors.

There are no genealogical meetings held due to lack of facilities, but Bro. John Holden, with his vast knowledge of genealogical research, is always available to advise anyone interested in this work. Brother Holden is at present preparing to attend the world-wide genealogical convention to be held in Salt Lake City, in August of this year.

Sunday School is under the juris-

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CAVEHILL BRANCH

★ The Cavehill Branch is the largest branch in membership in Ireland with more than a 1,000 members. They enjoy a beautiful new building on the Old Cavehill Road and carry on the full programme of the Church.

The branch is presided over by Pres. Andrew E. W. Gordon, who was baptised in 1966. His first calling in the Church was in M.I.A. and in 1967 he was called as branch president. His wife and four children are also members of the Church. Before joining the Church, Pres. Gordon spent his spare time as a stage entertainer. At a recent district party he brought back memories of the Old Vaudeville Days by singing and doing a lovely soft shoe dance. This talent is a great asset to Pres. Gordon and brings much pleasure to the branch.

The first counselor, Brother Allen Pritchard, settled in Ireland with his wife and two children in August of 1968. They were former members of the Rochdale Ward of the Manchester Stake where Brother Pritchard was a member of the bishopric. Brother Pritchard is an accomplished pianist and an ardent naturalist. He also does paintings as a hobby.

The second counselor is Brother Robert McClure. Brother McClure is a native of Belfast but was baptised in Australia in March of 1964. It was while he was there that he married his bishops daughter and returned with her to Ireland. The branch clerk is Brother John Ogle. He and his wife were baptised in 1966. Although they have no children, Brother and Sister Ogle are father and mother to many of the young members in the branch.



Pres. David Lamour, Stranmillis Branch.

diction of the Sunday School Board as the Stranmillis Branch is made up from a large percentage of new members.

Two of the oldest members are Sister Elizabeth Harvey now 83 years old and Brother Theodore Fulton now 85. Bro. Fulton is now in the Musgrave Hospital recovering from a broken hip, but still is vitally interested in the Church and inquires of its progress and success each time he is visited.

Sister Harvey still attends Relief Society when her health will permit. She has been a member of the Church for 60 years, and has seen the Belfast Branch grow from a small room on Ann Street to become two Churches in Belfast and a third one under construction as well as three Branches at present in temporary buildings.



Bro. Theodore
Fulton, 85.



Sister Elizabeth
Harvey, 83.



Cavehill Branch presidency, from left, Alan Pritchard, 1C; Robert McClure, 2C; H. C. Adjey, clerk; Pres. Andrew Gordon, John Ogle, clerk.

Brother Andrew Patterson, assistant branch clerk, is a very hard worker at any task that he is given. He was presented with a plaque for working for more than a thousand hours in the building of the Cavehill Chapel.

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Due to subterranean water leak, which seems to have existed for many years unknown to anyone, dry rot and wood worm ensued. This was one of the first of many problems Pres. Sheils was faced with. The house so badly deteriorated that it became unsafe. Pres. Sheils decided, in the face of much opposition, to move the branch out of the house and into the barn and stables at the back of the house. It meant tearing down more walls, rebuilding, putting windows where none had before existed, painting and transferring floor covering. Now even those who opposed Pres. Sheils, appreciate his wisdom. In the midst of all this activity, a building programme was organised and not one of the well run programmes of the Church suffered. The barn is used as a Chapel, the stables and loft used as classrooms, and the people look upon the new building programme as a blessing. Pres. Sheils rallied the support of the mem-

bers. Since the building of our new chapel started, on the 29th of July 1968 when Pres. Ashcroft, Irish Mission president, turned the first spade of soil at the ground breaking ceremony, Rosetta has kept he monthly financial commitment. If such effort is continued, the new chapel will be dedicated to the Lord in June or July of 1969. The indication is that such effort will continue.

Since its existence, Rosetta Branch has enjoyed much success. It has provided many district board members, district councilmen, district quorum leaders and at one time provided the entire district presidency.

Pres. Sheils still presides but now has Samuel J. Douglas as 1st counselor, Robert H. Andrews as 2nd counselor, Joseph C. McCallum as clerk and David Stewart as assistant clerk. In January 1969, there was a total membership of 284 with about 60-70 active. The large inactivity list has been supplemented to a good extent by the influx of members who have been inactive for some time in the area. Conversely we have lost many active members who have either emigrated or moved out of the area. The branch has auxillary leaders second to none and there is in the branch a particular harmony that is worthy of special tribute.

Northwest Ulster District

President: John H. Tanner

Relief Society President: Izola Tanner

Primary President: Izola Tanner

M.I.A. President: Izola Tanner

★ The Northwest Ulster District of the Irish Mission includes six active branches which, as the name implies, are located in the northern and western areas of the Province of Ulster in the towns of Larne, Antrim, Coleraine, Londonderry, Omagh and Enniskellen. The Londonderry Branch is blessed with a beautiful modern chapel, Larne meets in a Church owned residence and the other branches meet in rented rooms.

The branches at Londonderry and Omagh are presided over by members of the Melchizedek Priesthood and the other branches are under the direction of the travelling elders.

Because of the distances that exist between the various branches, it has not been possible to set up the usual district officers and supervisory boards in any detail. Therefore the district presidency, and those of the Relief Society, Primary and M.I.A. associations function with a president only. There are many fine and faithful members located throughout the district who have been actively engaged in the various programmes of the Church for some time, and they, with the aid of the travelling elders, have seen to it that the various priesthood and auxiliary functions are carried forward wherever possible and the progress of the Church is continuing throughout the area.

PRIMARY AND M.I.A.

★ Three home Primaries and two branch Primaries are held regularly and are well attended by the members as well as several nonmember children.



Pres. and Sis. John H. Tanner

Small M.I.A.'s are held in Coleraine, Londonderry and Omagh and are doing a fine work.

Two individual awards, one special award and one teachers award were recently presented.

Both Pres. and Sister John H. Tanner have served in various capacities in the Church. At the time of their call to the Irish Mission, Pres. Tanner was High Priest Leader and Sister Tanner was secretary to the Genealogical Committee in the Dover 18th Ward. In the years 1923-25, Pres. Tanner served as a missionary in the Leeds and London conferences of the British Mission. They are the parents of two children and grandparents of four.

At the time of their call to Ireland, Sister Tanner, a registered nurse, worked as an assistant in a doctors office. Brother Tanner, retired from a position as traffic manager of the D&RGW Railroad Company, which operates in the states of Colorado and Utah.

Brother Tanner was sustained as district president of Northwest Ulster District on Dec. 17, 1967.

RELIEF SOCIETY

★ Relief Society was organised in the Northwest Ulster District in 1961, and there are presently three organised

Relief Societies in the district. The sisters have held two Christmas bazaars with all branches participating. Although each branch is very small they have regular lessons and Visiting



Katharina White.

Teaching is faithfully done by two branches.

Sister Katharina White, originally from Germany, besides being the district Relief Society president, does Visiting Teaching in both Omagh and Enniskellen with a one hundred percent record. She also teaches M.I.A. in Omagh Branch. Sister White has a boy and girl and has been a member since 1961.

LONDONDERRY BRANCH

★ Mormon missionaries first came to Londonderry early in 1957.

Robert B. Smyth and his young bride were among the first group of converts to be baptised on November 2, 1957. On this date eight were baptised at the "Mount" in Belfast. This is the largest number to be baptised at one time in the history of the branch.

Opposition and persecution was heaped upon these new members as Satan's forces worked against them. However, they went forward, located a place in the City Hotel and started to hold meetings. Instruction was furnished by the members from Belfast under the direction of Robert Deveney. It was



Pres. Robert B. Smyth
Londonderry Branch.

amazing how the ministers found this small group of such importance as to warrant attacks and lengthy sermons against them. But the "Mormons" seemed to expand more quickly and developed a more united spirit when opposed, rather than in times of acceptance.

Slowly, but steadily, the number grew until it was found necessary to have a permanent meeting place. The efforts of W. R. Symth during this period were particularly effective in finding a suitable hall at Saskville Street. A period of consolidation followed, with the development of auxiliaries, until the Londonderry Branch led the Scottish-Irish Mission in activity. It was this group activity which caused the Church officials to choose this branch as a site for a chapel when the building programme was developed.

The period following was a testing one, weeding out the members of weak faith and strengthening those of strong testimony. The 12 months allotted for building the chapel extended to 3 years, but it was eventually completed and dedicated on November 6, 1966, the first chapel dedicated in Ireland.

The expected influx of new members has not materialized yet. None-the-less the active members still remain firm in the belief that God has yet a great purpose and work to do in this part of His

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vineyard. The branch is organised under the direction of Robert B. Smyth, assisted by the proselyting Elders. Relief Society, Primary, and M.I.A. are functioning.

JAMES C. APPLGATE

★ Brother and Sister James C. Applegate were both raised in Southern Utah. They were born in the Church and reared in Mormon communities with L.D.S. children as their friends. Other than the four years Brother Applegate lived in Chicago, they have lived in Utah all their lives. They were married in February, 1928, and then moved to Cedar City. They are the parents of four children, three girls and one boy. They have at present 15 grandchildren.

Brother Applegate worked for the Dixie National Forest 33 years, being in charge of all building and maintenance of the forest roads. He retired April 30, 1968, and bought a small 18-acre farm to enjoy and keep him busy after retired. He also enjoys carpentry work. He has built his own home and has helped his children by building cupboards in their homes. He served three years as Elders Quorum President and three years as a president of the Seventies Quorum, and was secretary of the

High Priest Quorum in the Cedar 16th ward at the time he was called on his mission.

Sister Applegate enjoys her home and flower garden. She enjoys cooking and canning and likes to quilt and sew for her grandchildren. She was president three years and president of the Relief Society, five years. She was president of the Relief Society in the Indian Branch for four years. She was giving the Cultural Refinement lesson in Relief Society and was a visiting teacher at the time they were called to serve in the Irish Mission.

Brother and Sister Applegate have been assigned to preside over the Branch at Coleraine.



Counselors to Pres. Kingan of Mt. Pottinger Branch, (of Page 26) are Samuel Lackey, left and Samuel McDowell.



Pres. and Sis. James C. Applegate.

OMAGH BRANCH

by John Graham

President: John D. H. Graham

1st Counsellor: Robert J. Mitchell

2nd Counsellor: Harold R. K. Graham

Clerk: Thomas L. Hannan

★ In case you should ever come "down our way" I'd like to tell you a little about our branch and a few of the wonderful Saints in it.

For about 20 years I use to go salmon fishing on the River Strule about 4 miles below Omagh. Some 20 yards from the river there stands a little white



Omagh Branch presidency, from left, Harold Graham, 2C; Robert J. Mitchell, 1C; Pres. John D. H. Graham and Thomas L. Hannan, secretary.

washed cottage, this is where I use to leave my bicycle until I was ready to go home. Little did I know then, that in that same little house I would bear testimony that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was restored to the earth, and that Our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ had again visited this world which was made for us. After my wife and I were baptised on June 23, 1962, instead of going to a hall or church building we arrived at this same little house for our first fast and testimony meeting and I shall never forget how happy we were as we cycled home that day on our tandem, everything looked so beautiful.

Ever since that day (when some wonderful power brought me to my feet) I have visited that humble little home very often to talk and discuss the Gospel with the wonderful old man who lives there with his sweet wife, Brother and Sister Moore.

Brother John Moore became a member on December 9, 1910, and has some great memories. He and his wife were sealed in the London Temple October 17, 1910. This, he says, was the "crowning act."

My first counselor is Brother R. J. Mitchell who joined the Church May 22, 1950, and whose wife, Letitia is second counselor in Relief Society and also president of the Y.W.M.I.A.

My second counselor is my brother,

Harold Graham, who became interested in the Church after I joined, and was baptised February 2, 1963. He is also a teacher in Sunday School and has a full time job bringing the Saints to all the different meetings and returning them to their homes again in his little car.

Brother Thomas L. Hannan who came into the Church March 13, 1965, was appointed branch clerk in that same year. He also holds the position of second assistant superintendent in the Sunday School. Brother Hannan, a taxi owner, use to drive us to our conferences. We invited him to come in and listen, which he did, so now we have two cars in our Branch, "God does answer prayers."

I am so thankful for my companion who is Primary president and secretary-treasurer in Relief Society, and for my four sons who are all active, also my daughter Hazel who is married to Brother Melvin Radford in Sheffield.

We have only 40 members in our branch but among them are some wonderful brothers and sisters. Our biggest problems are transportation and a meeting place. At present we are thankful to Brother Hannan for the use of his large kitchen, but we know that if we are to "grow" we must have space. Perhaps readers, with your prayers and ours united we will find the place.

Chapel Building

ROSETTA CHAPEL

★ The Rosetta Chapel is now well over 50% completed with a completion date set for June 1969.

The ground breaking ceremony was held on July 29, 1968, and the work has progressed very satisfactorily under the direction of Brother Warren Barber.

Brother Barber has built chapels in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Rhode Island, Florida and England before coming to Ireland. He and his wife have spent six years in the building programme and the people of Ireland are very fortunate in having such a capable superintendent. He not only knows and understands the building business but he and Sister Barber are a great strength to the branch and district. Brother Barber is serving as district councilman and Sister Barber is in the Branch Relief Society presidency.

There are four other chapels in Ireland all of which had their ground breaking ceremonies in rather rapid succession. The Hollywood Chapel was the first to hold the ground breaking



Bro and Sister Warren Barber.

ceremonies and the last one to be dedicated with the ground breaking held on August 5, 1961, and the dedication on June 4, 1967. Londonderry then held its ground breaking on September 22, 1962, and was dedicated on November 6, 1966. Portadown held their ground breaking June 14, 1963, and the dedication June 2, 1967.

The cash payments on the Rosetta are up to date and the labour commitment is only about 7% behind. It is hoped the building can be dedicated as soon as completed.

The building is of the Senton type with a seating capacity of a 110 in the chapel proper and the over flow crowd can be accommodated by opening the folding partition into the recreational area.

Branch Pres. Dermot Shields has led the campaign in collecting the funds for the building and also led out in the number of hours spent in its construction. Since its beginning he has averaged more than 60 hours per week and can be depended to be there for a few hours every day.



Pres. Dermot Shields, Rosetta Branch.



THE MILLENNIAL STAR

Kenneth Trotter, assistant building supervisor on Rosetta Chapel.



Londonderry Chapel



Portadown Chapel

Irish Mission



Cavehill Chapel



Mountpottinger Chapel

Girl Investigator Lives For Baptism

THE MILLENNIAL STAR

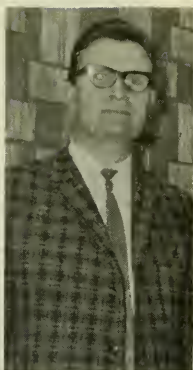


Marjorie Sealy, a-waits baptism.

★ Marjorie Sealy has been called as publicity director of Youth Activities. She has worked faithfully to send articles and pictures to the Millennial Star for publication.

Marjorie is a student at Bloomfield Collegiate Grammar School in Belfast. She organised a group of her school friends to discuss religion. Each girl has an opportunity to present the views of her church. At the close of the series they will evaluate each religion. She hopes to be able to point out to these girls the truthfulness of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Marjorie is not a member of the Church as yet. She has been active for about a year, and is waiting for permission from her father so that she can be baptised.

Marjorie is organist for Sunday School and Sacrament meeting in the Rosetta Branch. She is also Librarian and is directing the production of H.M.S. Pinafore. They hope to present this as an opening activity in their chapel which is scheduled to be completed in June.



Bertram N. Carville,
1C, Portadown.



Pres. Gordon F. Hayter
Portadown Branch

PORTADOWN BRANCH

★ Portadown Branch was organised in 1960 with Bertram M. Carville as president. William J. Braimlee served next, to be followed by Thomas Lee Weir. Gordon F. Hayter is the present branch president, with Brother Carville as his first counselor.

Portadown Branch has a lovely new chapel. It was dedicated just six days after the first service was held there.

They have sent two full time missionaries from this branch and have a thriving Primary and Relief Society.

THE DOUGLAS BRANCH ON THE ISLE OF MAN

★ Missionaries first came to the Isle of Man on 31, August 1962. At that time there were only two Sisters living on the Isle. They had recently moved from England to make their home there. On this date the branch was organised by Pres. Stephen Covey, Irish Mission President. The meeting was held at 52 Alexander Drive, the home of Sisters Katherin Bennett and Dorothy Beels. Those present were Pres. and Sister Stephen Covey and daughter Lindy Lou Covey, Elders Rondin Lew Cannon and Douglas C. Knudsen and Sisters Bennett

Irish Mission

New officers of Mt. Pottinger Branch, from left, front, Samuel Lackey, 2nd C; Pres. Roy Jackson; back, Samuel McDowell, clerk; Andrew Renfrew, 1st C.



New presidency of Cavehill Branch, Allen Pritchard, left, counselor; Pres. Robert G. Crawford, Clement Macdonald, counselor

and Beels. Elder Cannon was the first branch president with Sister Bennett as president of Relief Society and Sister Beels as president of the Primary.

The first baptism was Sister Cecillia Walker, on Nov. 8th 1962. She later filled a work mission in London. The meetings were held at the home of the two English Sisters and at Sister Walkers home, until a hall was acquired at 54 Athol street. The first meetings were held there 21 April 1963, and we are still meeting at the same address.

A few members joined the Church and the M.I.A. was organised. These programmes all proved successful. In 1964 the Youth and Assistant Missionary Programme was introduced into the branch. Local members were called for six months to spend as much time as they could assisting the full time missionaries. This proved to be quite

successful and a number of members were added to the branch.

A missionary couple, Pres. and Sister Albert H. Price came and worked in the branch during the winter of 65-66. They were endeared to many. After this period the branch Presidency was again held by the Elders.

On Nov. 20, 1968 Elder & Sister Kendall W. Bunker arrived in the Douglas branch and on the 8th Dec. Elder Bunker was sustained as branch president.

At present the branch is going forward with all auxiliaries organised and doing a great work.

At Christmas time the Primary presented a Christmas Programme and party with forty children participating. All but a few of these are non-members who participate in the Primary activities each week.

Dance, Quartet Festival He



Youth chorus singing at baptismal service.



Marjorie Sealy playing piano solo.



Cavehill group, from left, Eleanor McCracken, Harriet Graham, Bessie Prichard, Pat McAteer, Ida Jamison.

★ A Quartet Musical Festival was held at the Holywood Road Chapel early this year. The programme was organised by M.I.A. leaders with Janet Houston, announcer. Each quartet sang two songs one sacred song and one entertaining.

The first quartet was from Bangor. Carol Barlowe, Heather Bleakley, Bobby Bleakley and Pearl Huddleston. The Stranmillis Trio with Yvonne Orme, Helen Fisher, Dirtrie Sevensen had Elder Scott as the accompanist. Heather and Margret Maynes, Jan Warren and Marion Richardson, represented Rosetta. Brother Pritchard of Cavehill Branch played a piano solo. Brenda and Pauline Ward and Jean Guy, made up the Cavehill Trio. Then the Missionary Quartet sang.

Sister Stewart, Rosetta Branch, sang several solos. The Cavehill group consisting of Eleanor McCracken, Harriet Graham, Ida Jamison, Sister Pritchard and Pat MacTeer, then performed. Marjorie Sealey also from the Rosetta Branch played "Moonlight Sonata" on the piano. An inter-branch quartet composed of Heather Morrow, May Nicholl, Janet Houston and Ida Jamison, sang "The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare," and then led the whole audience in actions and singing of "Head and Shoulders."

Help Develop Talents Of Youth

★ Each Friday night during the summer a special activity night was held in the Belfast area. Here dancing and singing were taught. A chorus of 30 voices was organised. They sang in many special meetings, and also travelled to Dublin and Londonderry to sing at their conferences.

At the end of the season a Dance and Music Festival was held on the spacious lawn of "Redhill," the mission home.

They danced before 250 persons including Elder John Longden, assistant to the Twelve, and Sister Longden, long time member of the Y.W.M.I.A. General Board. These young people danced and sang in the first dance festival ever held by the Church in this mission. Dancers from the Dublin M.I.A. joined with the Belfast group for this evening of fun. Fifty-one young people participated.

At the close of the programme the participants grouped themselves to form the letters M.I.A. and sang "Carry On" as a closing number.

Sister Longden told the youth, that they were making "history" for the Irish Mission and that great things were to come from this beginning; things which would develop their talents and gifts and make them strong leaders in the Church.



Sister Stewart, Rosetta Branch
YWmia president, soloist.



Youths at District Fireside.



Stranmillis trio with Yvonne Orme, Hellen Fisher, accompanist.
Diedrie Stevensen, Elder Stott,



★ It has been called to our attention that two recipes published in the March Millennial Star were incorrect. We are including them again this month and hope that you will all try these two delicious recipes sent by Myrtle Twitchell of the Southwest British Mission.

HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE PIE

- 1 c sifted all purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{3}$ c shortening
- 3 or 4 tbs cold water
- 2 egg whites
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon opt.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar

Combine flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt in mixing bowl. Cut in shortening until consistency of coarse meal. Sprinkle water, 1 tbs at a time, over mixture tossing quickly and lightly with fork until dough is just moist enough to hold together. Roll out pastry to fit a 9 inch pie plate. Fit gently into plate. Prick generously with fork. Bake at 450 Deg. F. for 12 min. Until golden brown.

Beat together egg whites, vinegar, cinnamon and remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt until stiff but not dry. Gradually add sugar and beat until very stiff.

Spread meringue over bottom and sides of baked pastry shell. Bake at 325 Deg. F. for 15 or 18 min. Until lightly browned. Cool. Fill with chocolate cream filling.

CHOCOLATE FILLING

- 1 6 oz. pck. (1 cup) semi sweet chocolate bits
- 2 egg yolks
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c water
- 1 c heavy cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c sugar (Optional: may be omitted for less sweet pie)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon

Melt semi sweet chocolate bits over hot (not boiling) water. Blend in egg yolks and water until smooth. Spread 3 tbs. chocolate mixture over cooled meringue. Chill remainder until it begins to thicken.

Beat together heavy cream, sugar and cinnamon until thick.

Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ whipped cream mixture over chocolate layer in pie shell. Fold chilled chocolate mixture into remaining whipped cream mixture. Spread over whipped cream in pie shell. Chill pie at least 4 hours before serving. Make one 9 inch pie.

BROWNIES

Beat together	3 eggs
	1 c sugar
Melt together	
and cool	$\frac{1}{2}$ c butter or margarine
	2 squares of chocolate
Sift together	1 c flour
	1 tsp. baking powder
	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
Add	1 tsp. vanilla
	1 c nuts

Beat together and bake in 350 Deg. F. oven about 20 min.

"The Few"

The easy roads are crowded,
The level roads are jammed,
The peaceful little rivers
With the drifting folks, are crammed.
But off yonder where it's rocky
Where you'll get a better view,
You'll find the ranks are thinner
And the travellers are few.

Where the going's smooth and easy
You will always find the throng
For the many, more's the pity
Seem content to drift along
But the steps that call for courage
And the task that's hard to do
In the end result in glory,
For the never failing few.



One of many murals to be seen in the Visitors Centre at London Temple as viewed by Elders Richard L. Evans, left; Mark E. Petersen and James A. Cullimore, prior to shipment from Salt Lake City. (See story on page 78)

Joseph Smith . . . His Source Of Knowledge

By President David O. McKay

★ One hundred and forty nine years ago Joseph Smith, a mere boy between 14 and 15 years of age, declared that in answer to sincere prayer he received a revelation from God. His declaration was simple, but positive; and he was surprised when men doubted its truth. To him his claim was but the statement of a simple fact; to the Christian world it proved to be a lightning flash that, striking, weakened their religious structure from turret to foundation.

Two important elements in his first message were these: First, that God is a personal being who communicates his will to man; and second, that no creed in Christendom had the true plan of salvation. Indeed, the "creeds were an abomination" in the sight of God; and their "professors" taught "for doctrines and commandments of men having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof." (See Joseph Smith 2:19; read also 2 Timothy 3.)

For boldness of assertion, as an unqualified rejection of prevailing orthodoxy, as a challenge to ministers, this claim of a fair-haired, blue-eyed youth stands without parallel since the days of Jesus of Nazareth. Not even Luther's defiance at Worms is excepted; for his inspired effort at first was only to purify the church of corrupt practices, while Joseph Smith rejected the creeds as unauthoritative and many of their doctrines as absolutely false.



Joseph Smith, the prophet.

The result of this declaration was Joseph's immediate ostracism from the religious world. In a very short time, he found himself standing alone.

Alone—and unacquainted with the learning and philosophy of his day.

Alone—and unschooled in the arts and sciences.

Alone—with no philosopher to instruct him, no minister to guide him.

In simplicity and kindness he had hastened to them with glorious message; in

scorn and derision they had turned from him, saying that "... there were no such things as visions or revelations in these days; that all such things had ceased with the apostles, and that there would never be any more of them." (Joseph Smith 2:21.)

Thus, Joseph Smith at 14 was left alone to embark upon the ocean of religious thought, having rejected every known vessel with which to sail, and never having built one or even having seen one built himself. Surely, if an imposter, the bark he could build would be indeed a crude one.

On the other hand, if that which he built possesses an excellence and superiority over that which the learned professors and philosophers had given to the world during the preceding hundreds of years, men will be forced to say in surprise, "Whence hath this man his wisdom!"

It would appear, then, that though he seemed alone, he was alone only as was Moses on Sinai; as Jesus on the Mount of Olives. As with the Master, so with the Prophet; his instructions came not through man-made channels but direct from God, the source of all intelligence. He says: "I am a rough stone. The sound of the hammer and chisel was never heard on me until the Lord took me in hand. I desire the learning and wisdom of Heaven alone." (Smith, Joseph, History of the Church, page 423)

The result of this divine guidance was an assurance of the righteousness of what he taught and a fearlessness in proclaiming it. When Joseph Smith taught a doctrine, he taught it authoritatively. His was not the question of whether it agreed with man's thoughts or not, whether it was in harmony with the teachings of the orthodox churches or whether it was in direct opposition



President David O. McKay.

to them. What was given to him he gave to the world irrespective of its agreement or disagreement, of its harmony or its discord, with the belief of the churches or of the prevailing standards of mankind. It is interesting as well as profitable to know how the advanced thought of today harmonizes with what he taught so authoritatively over a century ago. The guiding spirit of his life was manifest right in the beginning and harmonizes with his wonderful declaration that God had spoken to him. In his own words: "Whatever God requires is right, no matter what it is, although we may not see the reason thereof till long after the events transpire." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, page 256)

His claim to revelation from God, if established, leaves no doubt as to his authority to organize the Church of Christ on earth, and to administer authoritatively the principles and ordin-

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Life Is Eternal

By Elder Spencer W. Kimball
Council of the Twelve

★ Life is eternal. Death does not terminate the existence of man. He lives on and on. Man will be resurrected whether good or evil. His spirit will be reunited with his body from the grave, and if he has perfected his life and magnified his God-given opportunities, that spirit and body will be brought together in a new, fresh, never-ending immortality.

The greatest joys of true married life can be continued. The most beautiful relationships of parents and children can be made permanent. The holy association of families can be never-ending if husband and wife have been sealed in the holy bonds of eternal matrimony. Their joys and progress will never end, but this will never fall into place of its own accord.

The way is well-defined and clear. Eternal marriage was known to Adam and others of the prophets, but the knowledge was lost from the earth for many centuries. God has restored the truths and has provided the way. With the restoration of the Gospel came also the genuine priesthood, and God has given to His prophet all keys, powers, and authorities held by Adam and Abraham and Moses and the early-day Apostles.

Purpose For Temples

God has restored the knowledge of temples and their purposes. On the earth this day are thirteen holy structures built to this special work of the Lord, and each is the "House of the Lord." In these temples, by duly constituted authority, are men who may seal for all eternity, husbands and

wives and their children. This is a fact even though unknown to the masses, and it is available as folks acquaint themselves with the need. This is one of the mysteries spoken of by the Redeemer, who taught the multitude in parables, saying:

" . . . I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 13:35.)

These priceless truths are not understood by the casual reader of the scriptures:

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God." (1 Cor. 2:11.)

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (Ibid., 2:14.)

Can Unlock Doors

It is inconceivable that otherwise intelligent, astute, and highly educated people should ignore or wilfully disregard this great privilege. The doors can be unlocked. The gap can be bridged. And men can walk safely, securely to never-ending happiness, making their marriages timeless and eternal.

Explaining the use of parables, the Saviour said:

"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." (Matt. 13:11.)

"For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hear-

ing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." (Ibid., 13:15)

And then speaking to those disciples who were near Him and who understood He said:

"But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

"For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." (Ibid., 13:16-17.)

Seek And Search

The Lord knew that those who were sincere in heart and who really wished to know the mysteries of the kingdom would seek and search prayerfully until they informed themselves.

It will be remembered how the Lord answered the hypocritical Sadducees who, trying to trap Him, propounded this difficult problem:

The husband died leaving no posterity, and the wife married his brother who also died without seed. She in turn married a third brother, a fourth, a fifth, a sixth, and a seventh, all in accordance with the law of Moses, and then the woman of the seven husbands died also. Now the frustrating question is:

"In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife." (Mark 12:23.) The Redeemer's answer was clear and concise and unmistakable:

"Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God." (Ibid., 12:24.)

Do You Understand?

And now, we ask you, what does



this mean? The Sadducees were discussing matters about which they knew little or nothing. Was there accusation in His voice? Was he saying to the Sadducees, "Open your blind eyes and see? Open your stony hearts and understand?"

My friends, do you understand the implications and truth of this statement of the Lord? Though somewhat veiled in scripture, it is clear and understandable when supported by modern revelation.

Dr. James E. Talmage writes: "The Lord's meaning was clear, that in the resurrected state there can be no question among the seven brothers as to whose wife for eternity the woman shall be, since all except the first had married her for the duration of mortal life only . . . In the resurrection, there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage; for all questions of marital status must be settled before that time, under the authority of the Holy Priesthood, which

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Things That Affect The Body

By Elder Mark E. Petersen
Council of the Twelve

★ A long time ago I had the opportunity of attending a stake conference at Snowflake, Arizona. While there, we were invited to a dinner which was being held for the Aaronic Priesthood boys of the stake. It was a memorable occasion. The programme was delightful. Several beautiful numbers were given, one of which was a solo which brought back to my mind a number of wonderful memories. That young man stood up before those four hundred or more boys and sang:

A "Mormon" boy, a "Mormon" boy,
I am a "Mormon" boy;
I might be envied by a king,
For I am a "Mormon" boy.

That song was written by Evan Stephens, and as it was sung, I remembered that as a boy I sang this song also; and I had the opportunity of singing with a large boys' chorus in the Salt Lake Tabernacle under the direction of Evan Stephens. I learned to honour him then, and I loved this song. Let me quote more of it:

My father is a "Mormon" true,
And when I am a man,
I want to be like him, and do
Just all the good I can.
My faults I'll try to overcome,
And while I life enjoy,
With pride I'll lift my head and say,
I am a "Mormon" boy.
A "Mormon" boy a "Mormon" boy,
I am a "Mormon" boy;
I might be envied by a king,
For I am a "Mormon" boy.

About this time my father was my Sunday School teacher, and a little later

he became the instructor in our deacons' quorum. I used to honour him as I sang this song. I also remembered my Heavenly Father, and the command which the Saviour gave us to strive to become like Him. And then as I would sing this song, not only would I have gratitude to my earthly father, but to my Heavenly Father, also, and I would sing, "I want to be like Him, and do just all the good I can."

Grow Up Fast

As I listened to that boy in Snowflake sing this song, I thought how often it is that our boys and our girls, when they get into junior high and possibly into senior high, feel as if they are growing up and must put away childish things. It is true that they must put away certain childish acts, but other things which are taught them in childhood are so very important and so basic that all through their lives they must remember them. The message of this song by Evan Stephens is one of them.

A "Mormon" boy . . .
I might be envied by a king,
For I am a "Mormon" boy.

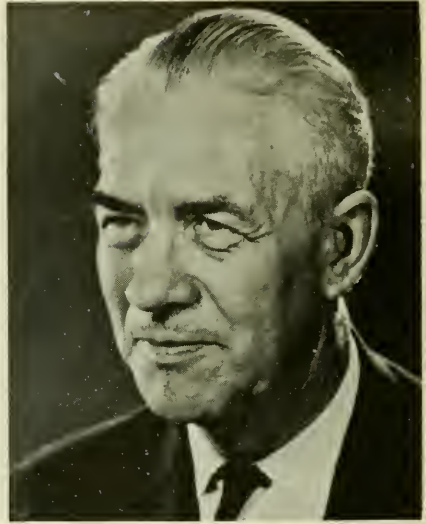
When I was in school one time, I accompanied the class to Provo, Utah, and went through the institution there for the mentally afflicted. We saw one young man there who had a queer tendency in that he always wanted to be striking himself on the head. I remember as students how we thought this man was so to be pitied because he did not have any more sense than to strike himself on the head.

Which Is Crazier?

As young people we talked about it remembering this man who wanted to strike himself on the head. One of the students then said, "Well, which is crazier, to be batting yourself on the head all the time, or to be taking things into your body that would poison you? Which is worse—to poison your body and defile it, to make yourself intoxicated so that you do not know what you are doing, even losing your self-control, or to bat yourself on the head? Which is the crazier of the two?"

Now think in terms of modern science. Think how doctors are discovering, despite the arguments of all the tobacco companies, to the contrary, that you do tend to develop cancer of the lung through cigarettes. Which is crazier, to bat yourself on the head with a stick, or to bring into your body these things that will destroy your body? Which is crazier?

I ask young people, can you see



anything childish in this injunction to avoid these stimulants, these narcotics, these intoxicating things, which not only affect your body adversely but will also destroy your spirituality and your faith in God, if you allow them to?

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holds the power to seal in marriage for both time and eternity. (Jesus the Christ, p. 548.)

Saved Covenant

Undoubtedly, the first husband married the woman for eternity by a ceremony which was not limited by time. She became a widow at his demise until she should also die and join her husband. Now, she married brother number two, "until death do you part," and it definitely parted them even before posterity, and he went into the spirit world through the veil and with no wife, for their contract also had been terminated by death. And brothers number three and four and five and six and finally number seven in turn—all married her in temporary marriage,

in which ceremonies were the limitations, "so long as you both shall live." And each terminated what happiness they had had and their promise of future bliss.

How sad! How gloomy!

I knew of one young couple whose promising marriage was ended by a car crash one hour after the ceremony which included those perilous words, "till death do you part."

Civil marriage is an earthly contract, completed in the death of either party. Eternal celestial marriage is a sacred covenant between man and woman consecrated in the holy temple by servants of God who hold authoritative keys. It bridges death; it includes both time and eternity.

Word of Wisdom — Signs

By Elder Delbert L. Stapley
Council of the Twelve

★ I testify that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is built upon the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. It does bear His name and does show forth the works of God in it. The Church provides for the temporal and spiritual needs of its people. Its missionaries bear the Gospel message to all nations. It is set up after the organisation of the primitive Church, with prophets, apostles, evangelists, etc., and with authority divinely bestowed through the priesthood of God to officiate in all the saving ordinances of the Gospel to perfect and exalt man.

We learn in the writings of Nephi that Satan has no power over the hearts of people who dwell in righteousness. The evil and wickedness present in the world today show the power Satan has over the hearts of people, and therefore the promotion of righteousness among men is the important duty of God's servants, and thus they prepare all His children against the days of tribulation preceding the Saviour's coming to earth again.

Nephi Admonished

Nephi again admonished his people: "For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water; and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost.

"And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save.

"Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life." (2 Nephi 31: 17, 19-20.)

King Benjamin Counseled

The beloved King Benjamin counseled his people:

"... I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out faithful to the end they are received into heaven, that they may dwell with God in a state of never-ending happiness. O remember, remember that these things are true; for the Lord God hath spoken it." (Mosiah 2:41.)

I would plead for faith on the part of the membership of this Church, the faith that is typical of a child, teachable eager to learn, willing to accept and to obey, not blindly, but with understanding. I am pleading with you who have entered into the straight and narrow path through faith, repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Ghost, to press forward and worthily comply with every ordinance of the Gospel.

If a man were offered material riches as a reward for years of devoted service no doubt a decision to accept would be promptly given, even though the price to be paid might overtax their strength and undermine their health.

God offers eternal life, glory, exaltation, and the association of Himself and Son as a reward to those who diligently serve Him to the end of their days. He has no greater gift to bestow. Yet, because of the intangible nature of this gift and the weakness of people's faith, they fail to accept and follow the conditions to obtain this state of peace and happiness in celestial glory.

Open Hearts To Truth

If men will open their hearts to truth, the Holy Ghost will stimulate their faith to accept the revelations and follow the counsel of divinely appointed leaders. Faith is a gift from God, to be earnestly sought for. It cannot be the type of faith exhibited by Thomas, who would not accept his fellow workers' word that Jesus had risen and appeared unto them, unless he had the privilege of feeling the prints of the nails in His hands and thrusting his own hand into the side of the Saviour. It cannot be the type of faith of those who seek after signs upon which they might establish faith.

The Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith 136 years ago the Word of Wisdom, the Lord's law of health, showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days and given for a principle with promise. Many have doubted, and by their acts have refused to accept this revelation to be a word of wisdom. The inviting advertising appeal and enticing claims of tobacco interests are listened to and accepted by men and women against their Creator's revealed truth that tobacco is not good for man. But now that science is proving cancer to be linked with tobacco use, many are dropping the habit through fear of this dreaded and often incurable disease. Why will men set at naught the revelations of God about good health habits taught in the Word of Wisdom and



yield to habit-forming products from plants or herbs that are detrimental to their systems or bodily functions?

Drink Brings Disaster

Daily we see the disastrous results of strong drink—accidents on the highways, homes broken, wives and children suffering and in want, oft times deserted and helpless, with no hope to live normal and happy lives. The Lord has said,

"That inasmuch as any man drinketh wine or strong drink among you, behold it is not good, neither meet in the sight of your Father. . . .

"And, again, strong drinks are not for the belly, but for the washing of your bodies. (D&C 89:5,7.)

When these revealed truths are verified by scientific research in the field of health, thus becoming actual knowledge, it makes the faith of the so-called believer appear weak and presumptive, and also clearly demonstrates rebellious attitudes, prompted no doubt by a feeling of restricted freedoms. Of what value is faith if people have lost

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Testimony Bearing

By Elder Eldred G. Smith
Patriarch To The Church

★ One of the outstanding characteristics of members of this Church is testimony bearing. Nearly all church speeches include the bearing of testimony. This is our mission, as members of the Church, to testify of the truthfulness of the Gospel to our fellow men.

What is a testimony? We speak of it as a valued possession, which it truly is. Webster says it is evidence, proof, a solemn declaration. Then a testimony of the Gospel is your solemn declaration of the truthfulness of the Gospel according to your knowledge thereof.

To have a testimony of God and His Son Jesus Christ can bring about the greatest blessing a member of the Church can attain in this mortal existence. Each blessing is obtained by fulfilling the law upon which that blessing is predicated. The law upon which this blessing is predicated is given extensively throughout the scriptures.

In Matthew we read: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (att. 7:7-8.)

Wonderful Promise

Moroni also promises: "... I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

"And by the power of the Holy

Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

"And whatsoever thing is good is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is.

"And ye may know that he is, by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore I would exhort you that ye deny not the power of God; for he worketh by power, according to the faith of the children of men, the same today and tomorrow, and forever." (Moroni 10:4-7.)

What does it mean to knock or seek? This is a way of saying, "It requires effort on your part." Study, pray, act—do something about it! Knowledge alone saves no one. Lucifer knows, and it is this knowledge which is to his damnation. Without proper action, it can be the same to anyone else.

Personage of Spirit

Moroni said: "... by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things." (Ibid., 10:5.) One may ask, "How does one receive a message from the Holy Ghost?"

The Holy Ghost is a Personage of Spirit. We also have a spirit body as well as a mortal body. We were personages of spirit before we came upon this earth.

The Lord said to Job: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

"Who hath laid the measure thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

"Whereupon are the foundations

thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof:

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38: 4-7.)

Are we not the sons of God who at that time shouted for joy?

Abraham also tells us the following:

"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organised before the world was: and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones;

"And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born."
(Abraham 3:22-23.)

Describes Spirit Body

Before we came on the earth, we were all spirits. What is a spirit? We use the word "spirit" to describe anything and everything, all elements that are not mortal—so we had a non-earthly body. We were nevertheless individuals. We had the power and ability to see, think, act, make decisions. We even took part in that great war in heaven, as a result of which Lucifer was cast out of heaven.

Our spirit body has the same shape and form as the physical body. The spirit body then has arms, legs, a head, and a mind.

When we came to earth, we took upon us a physical or mortal body of flesh and bones. The separation of these two bodies we call death. Through the atonement of Christ these two bodies will be reunited again. This we call the resurrection.

In coming into mortality we forget all from the previous life for a wise purpose in the Lord. In effect, a barrier or veil

is placed between the spirit mind and the mortal mind.

I think if we will apply some of the laws of electronics, that is, radio and television, we will be aided in a possible understanding of how we can receive a message from the Holy Ghost. We have a spirit mind and a mortal mind. Our spirit mind can receive messages from the Holy Ghost, who is a spirit.

Holy Ghost

In a room now there are many waves going by of sound, of pictures, and even of coloured pictures. We cannot detect them with our mortal eyes or ears, but if we set up a receiving set and put it in tune, then we pick up the sound or pictures by the mortal ears or eyes. Similarly, the Holy Ghost may be constantly sending out messages like a broadcasting station. If you put yourself in tune, that is, knock or ask or seek, you may receive the message. It may be as if you were to open an imaginary window or door between your spirit mind and your physical mind and permit the message to come through. Spirit can talk to spirit, and you are part spirit—just open that imaginary door and let the mortal mind receive. To open it requires study, prayer, action or works, or knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

There is no salvation with just knowledge alone—for ". . . the devils also believe, and tremble," says James (James 2: 19), then adds, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (Ibid., 2:20.)

Get that knowledge that you may have a testimony. Knowledge from the Holy Ghost is sure. When it comes to you, you know and cannot deny it. Moroni said: "And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things." (Moroni 10:5.)

Teach Children To Walk Uprightly

By Elder Marion D. Hanks
Assistant to the Twelve

★ While the people of Israel were on the plains of Moab, in the last part of the fortieth year of the Exodus, shortly before Moses was taken from them and Joshua led them over Jordan to their promised land, Mose delivered a series of marvelous discourses to the people. He reviewed the experiences and events of the past forty years and admonished and exhorted Israel to obey and appreciate and keep faith with God, who had preserved them as a people through their wanderings in the wilderness from Sinai to Jordan. He reminded them of the magnificence of their blessings at Sinai, repeated for them the Ten Commandments, and said to them:

"And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

"And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth." (Deut. 5:23-24.)

Pledge Obedience, Loyalty

After bearing this great testimony, the people pledged themselves to obedience and to loyalty. They said to Moses: "Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it."

Moses gave moving response: "And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they

have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Ibid., 5:27-29.)

The scripture teaches us that on that occasion Moses "stood between the Lord" and the people to show them "the word of the Lord." So President McKay has stood between us and the Lord to show us His word. Our hearts have responded. Surely many of us have covenanted anew, as did Israel of old: "Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that he shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it." And as we so affirm our faith and sustain our prophet, is there an echo in your heart as there is in mine of the voice of the Lord to Israel?

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!"

He Wants Our Hearts

The Lord wants more from us than these moving expressions of conviction and covenant. He wants more than expressions of gratitude and testimony and commitment. He wants us to fear Him, to love Him, to keep all His commandments always. He wants our hearts.

In the 64th section of the Doctrine and Covenants is recorded: "... I, the Lord, ... require the hearts of the children of men." (D&C 64:22. His promise to those who give Him their

hearts is certainly the same as it was to ancient Israel—that we may expect His blessings to be with us always, and with our children.

What a marvelous promise! What a magnificent and moving covenant God has made with us—worth everything—worth our love, our obedience, our faith; worth our hearts.

What really happens when Israel gives God its heart? What happens when men honour their heritage and divine possibilities, love Him and obey His commandments? There were certain humble Nephites not many decades before the advent of Christ who met this test, who, in the midst of affliction and persecution, followed a course and achieved the objective. I read from Helaman, the third chapter, these moving words: “. . . they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God.” (Helaman 3:35.)

Humble Yourselves

King Benjamin, in concluding his magnificent sermon, pursued the course God has set out for His prophets. He instructed, he enjoined, he reaffirmed, he testified, and he promised. He said to the people: “. . . humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, . . .” and “if ye do this ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins; and ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of him that created you, or in the knowledge of that which is just and true.

“And ye will not have a mind to



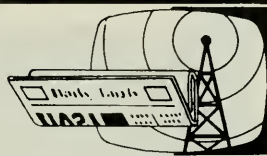
injure one another, but to live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due.” (Mosiah 4:11-13.)

Remember God's promise to Israel? Note this: “And ye will not suffer your children that they go hungry, or naked; neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and quarrel one with another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, . . .

“But ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another.” (Ibid., 4:14-15.)

So have come the marvelous blessings and promises of God. In 1833, in Kirtland, after a great outpouring of the Spirit at a conference held there, the Lord gave to Joseph Smith a revelation we now know as section 90. In it he gave some further counsel relevant to our theme, and a marvelous promise. He said: “Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly and remember the covenant wherewith ye have covenanted one with another.” (D&C 90:24.)

NEWS



LEICESTER STAKE

★ Gay umbrellas, coloured travel posters, candlelit tables and girls in national costume created a really sunny Continental atmosphere at Woodsetton on February 7th, but outside it looked more like a scene from the film "Dr. Zhivago!" Sad to say, the fierce blizzards and snow drifts which raged all afternoon and most of the evening, prevented the young people's Continental Discoteque from being the success they had hoped for.

Several M.I.A. enthusiasts had begged time off work and their studies during the day to prepare the authentic decor and refreshments, and thought of postponement was pushed into the background just in case someone was keen enough to brave the storm. Happily they were not too disappointed, for about 20 hardy saints beat the cruel weather and despite the setback, it turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

★ The 2nd Quorum of Elders held a very successful Square Dance on Feb. 27th at the Handsworth Chapel, to which their families were invited. A good crowd enjoyed the gay dances arranged by John Bond of Woodsetton, who acted as compere and caller; the dancing was to records. Winifred Megney and sisters from the Birmingham Ward were responsible for the refreshments.

★ On 4th March, the Nottingham Relief Society held a stall in the local market, where they did a brisk trade all day and made a profit of £18 for their funds.

45 brothers, sisters and friends joined together for the Relief Society Anniversary Party, where they enjoyed a meal prepared by June Cooper, president; Joan Needham and Gladys Charlton, counselors. Sister Cooper welcomed everyone, and then called on Bishop Albert Green to open with prayer. After the meal Tom and Sue Heszeltine helped everyone to get into the party spirit with games and dancing. The drinks and pieces of birthday cake, which had been made by Diane Madsen, were very welcome after the activities.

★ Twenty-seven sisters and the Birmingham Ward bishopric celebrated the Relief Society Anniversary with a dinner. After the meal the Mission-aies entertained with a selection of songs, then Doris Green gave a short presentation of the lesson, stressing the principle of tithing as an introduction to the film "The Windows of Heaven."

★ Beehive, Mia Maid and Laurel girls, gathered together at the Stake Centre on 22nd March for a combined standards programme. It has been found in the past that evening programmes have meant very late hours for the young girls as they have to travel long distances to Leicester. So this afternoon meeting was by way of an experiment. The results were rewarding, approximately 75 girls and their leaders attended and all the programmes were followed through. Guest speakers included Elizabeth Degville from Woodsetton, Muriel Cuthbert, Birmingham and Diane Madsen, Nottingham.



Leaders and girls at
Leicester Stake MIA
Standards programme

★ Last month we reported that Wayne Cannon, son of Pres. and Sister Cannon of the Central British Mission, had been representing the Warwickshire County Schools Rugby team. This month we

are proud to report that Wayne has now been chosen to play for England. He is at present a member of the Birmingham Ward, and attends the John Willmott Grammer School, Sutton Coldfield. We offer our heartiest congratulations.

Wayne Cannon,
school boy international
rugby player.
(photo courtesy Bir-
mingham Post)





Birmingham Ward sisters celebrate Relief Society anniversary at a special dinner.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ Kilmarnock District Primary held their Daddy-Daughter party on Mar 1st in the Ayr Chapel. All present were welcomed by Norman Campbell, District Primary counselor. Games and dancing followed with musical numbers by Norma Campbell, Pres. George N. Kerr, and Kilmarnock Branch Lihomas, with Kilmarnock Dependent Lihomas reciting. Pres. Kerr spoke on the work of the Primary organisation. Ayr Branch provided the food for the party and each child received sweets, which were provided by the Kilmarnock Branch.

★ Walter P. Rush, 1st counselor in the Kilmarnock Branch presidency, is 67 years of age, but recently he personally picked thousands of snowdrops which the sisters then bunched and sold in aid of the Branch Fund.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Six Ward choirs, a choir of full-time missionaries and the Stake Singing Mothers provided the framework for a most successful Stake Music Festival held in Dumbarton Ward Chapel on March 2nd.

Four hundred and forty three members and friends were entertained for over two hours by a well planned programme of vocal and instrumental music. The Festival was planned and presented by the Stake Music Committee, consisting of Elizabeth MacRae, chairman; Anna

Harvey, organist and Marjorie Foote and Margaret Scott, committee members.

★ The stake annual Gold and Green Ball was a "biggest and best" ever. The Drumchapel cultural hall was beautifully decorated with gold and green streamers on the wall and a ceiling with moon and roses to add variety and colour.

Over seventy-five couples enjoyed the evening. The band offered a well balanced programme of dances and all were served sit down refreshments. YMMIA Supt. Peter Cameron and YW Pres. Helen Funk directed the gala evening's activities.

TOP WARD QUIZ—SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

★ After preliminary contests involving all of the M.I.A.'s in the stake the four winning teams competet at Claremont Terrace for the stake trophy. Each ward team was composed of two representatives under 16 years of age and two over 16 and under 21 years of age. The parings for the semi-finals placed Paisley vs. Glasgow/Springburn and Pollock vs. Drumchapel. Glasgow/Springburn and Pollock won the semi-finals and met each other for the championship. At the end of the regulation eight rounds, the score was tied and additional questions were required to determine the winner. Pollock team

finally prevailed and were awarded the trophy.

The members of the Pollock team were Alastair Duddy, Steven Porch, Elizabeth Stirling and Hugh Auld.

The Glasgow/Springburn team consisted of Yvonne Herbertson, Richard Foote, Heather MacRae, and Robert Chandler.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ The Thames Valley District M.I.A. held its Parent/Youth Night on February 21st, when they presented this year's M.I.A. Musical, "Make Mine Happy."

Five of the six branches took part, and the production was jointly run by Margaret Barnes, (District Activity Counselor) and Peter Joyce of the Oxford Branch, with Gillian Brown-Lee at the piano. The excellent scenery was painted by Keith Sorenson, of the High Wycombe Branch. Light refreshments were provided by Oxford Branch,

On March 7th, the District M.I.A. celebrated its night of the year when the Gold and Green Ball was in the Cultural Hall of the Reading Chapel.

About 230 people attended the ball, which was an outstanding success. The

hall was beautifully decorated with giant gold wreaths with green rosette centres, made by the High Wycombe Branch M.I.A. From the ceiling hung a canopy of gold and green streamers, and along the edge of the stage were large tissue paper flowers, made by one of the youngest M.I.A. members, Julie Haslem of Reading Branch.

District Y.M. supt. Geoff Browne acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Betty Hunter, 1st counselor in the District Y.W.M.I.A. was in charge of the excellent refreshments.

A brief cabaret was provided by the Oxford Branch M.I.A. and Sister Carbine from Camberley sang a beautiful solo. The music for dancing was by the "Dave Corbett" quintet, and the general verdict was "Smashing. . . why can't we have one every month?"

CONVERT CONDUCTS OWN PROSELYTING PROGRAMME

★ With the aid of the Elders, Brother T. Porteous Boulton has, at his own expense over the past twenty months, sent out over 1,000 parcels to leaders in all walks of life throughout Newfoundland and Labrador as an aid to missionary activity in Canada's tenth



Bro. T. Porteous Boulton holding the 1,000th parcel with Elders Monty Stratton (Cedar City, Utah); Heber Andrus and Thomas Rees, (Idaho Falls, Idaho); Blake Smith, district leader, (Phoenix, Arizona.)



Andrew Cullingford, a speech festival winner.

Province. Each parcel contains a copy of the Book of Mormon, a personal letter, Joseph Smith's testimony and the pamphlet "Which Church is right?"

Brother Bolton is a convert. He was baptised three and a half years ago, four days after the Elders first rang his doorbell. Brother Bolton is the District Councilman for Newfoundland and Labrador—Maritime District, New England Mission. By profession he is an Architect and Town Planner.

The first Chapel in Newfoundland and Labrador is now under construction in St. John's, the capital City. Brother Bolton is the Architect.

On his frequent visits to his English country home, near Chequers, Buckinghamshire, Brother Bolton takes part in the activities of the High Wycombe Branch—British South Mission. Two of his Daughters, and his son-in-law, are now in the Church, and are students at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Chelmsford Branch Sunday School held a "Pot Luck" social 21st Feb. Fun games were organised by Henry Hickman, Arthur Rowley and Harold Hunt.

The evening was a jolly good get-together for saints and friends.

★ The Essex District annual Relief Society Birthday Social was held at Southend Chapel. The hall was beautifully decorated, and an ample buffet was provided for the 130 people who attended. A large birthday cake, decorated in the Relief Society colours, was cut, and a portion sent to each branch. The evening finished all too quickly and was a wonderful success.

★ The Norwich Branch, held their Speech and Quartet, Festival in February, and the talks given were of a very high standard as the participants were finalists from their various M.I.A. classes. The successful candidates for speech were:

12-14 age group Richard Curson

15-18 age group Andrew Cullingford

19-29 age group Jenny Reynolds

The "Pop" Quartets were original and very entertaining, but entrance into the Sacred Quartet section was a little disappointing.

A "Five-a-side," Football (Soccer) League has recently been formed in the Norwich District and contains five teams. The top team, having won seven matches out of eight, is a Norwich team which is appropriately called the "89th Section." (named after the section in the D and C. dealing with the Word of Wisdom") The teams' colours are tangerine and white, and its members are; Kenneth Johnson, Captain. Team Trevor Bible, Andrew Cullingford, Alan Webster, James White and Dean Wilson. To raise money for their equipment and dress, the team organised an evening's entertainment on March 1st.

The programme started with skits performed by the "Section," accompanied by Rita Loombe, and then games

of skill were played by the forty who attended. However the main event of the evening was dancing to the "Clowns," a pop group made up of Kenneth Johnson, Trevor Bible, and Dean Wilson. The social was concluded with refreshments.

★ At the beginning of the year Naval Airman Robin Hains, of the Gorleston Branch, flew to Singapore to join H.M.S Albion. By coincidence quite a number of other members from Gorleston were also there, including John and Angela Bone and their two young daughters, and Keith Blackwell and his wife, all were attached to R.A.F. Stations. Brother Blackwell has since returned home.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ The Cornwall District M.I.A. Gold and Green Ball was held on Feb. 22nd at the St. Austell Methodist Church Hall. Forty saints enjoyed themselves dancing to the Clavatones Band and partaking of the refreshments.

★ Derrick N. Harris and Charles G. Harris have been awarded their Duty to "God" awards. The first two young men in the Helston Branch to receive them.

★ On a recent Saturday a barbecue dinner was held at the Poole Chapel for members and friends of the South Coastal District. The meal was served inside the Chapel unfortunately owing to the inclement weather.

Highlights of the evening included an eating competition, a fine cabaret and also a performance of the South Coastal District Roadshow by the members of MIA.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Banbury Branch Relief Society cele-

brated the 127th Anniversary of the organisation of Relief Society by holding a branch family Home Evening on March 14th, at the Banbury Town Hall. The evening began with a pot luck dinner, followed by entertainment provided by almost every family. Songs, dramatisation of Daniel in the Lions' den, ballet, trumpet solo, a ventriloquist act were some of the activities. Five talented sisters then presented the play, "A touch of Heaven."

Bonnie Kapaska, the former R.S. president was given a Relief Society pin for the wonderful work of building up the society during her calling. She will soon be leaving for America.

★ During February, Banbury were proud to report that they reached 100% with their Home Teaching programme.

★ Daddys and Daughters began arriving at the Chase home, Banbury, on Feb. 17th dressed in Western and Pioneer attire for the beginning of a fun filled evening on their special date social. There was food, games and entertainment supplied by the daughters. Carol Gibbs won a contest for the best original costume, in a blue-checked pioneer frock that she had made. Altogether ten people were present for this programme directed by Marge Giles.

★ Sisters, (some accompanied by their husbands) from Lincoln, Huntingdon, Grantham and Corby attended the Midlands East District Relief Society Anniversary Dinner at Lincoln on March 15th. On arrival about 40 sat down to a wonderful meal, which had been prepared by the sisters from the Lincoln Branch. After dinner the Huntingdon sisters gave an excellent presentation of the play "A Touch of Heaven." Although many of the sisters had travelled long

distances, they all agreed that it had been worth the effort, for the evening was most inspiring with a wonderful spirit of fellowship.

★ At 7 p.m. on February 15th, an Elders Dinner and Dance was held at the NORTHAMPTON Chapel. The catering was done by an outside firm, so that everyone was free to enjoy themselves. A band from Rugby provided the music for dancing, and 68 people made the most of every moment. Guests included Pres. and Sister Cannon, Pres. and Sister Thorpe and also Brother and Sister Hollingsworth who had just arrived from Salt Lake City to start a mission in this country.

The last week in February meant "Finda Memba Week" for NORTHAMPTON. As soon as the week began a cold and flu epidemic hit the branch, but despite this setback the saints tracted all the areas of the town. At the social on March 1st there were 40 investigators present, not counting children, and the following Thursday, special Home evenings were held by members in their homes for investigators to visit. The Elders are confident of at least four baptisms in the near future.

★ Competing in the Mission Basketball final against Lincoln, Hereford found themselves a player short, so called upon their branch president to turn out for them. They won handsomely by 46-6, and Pres. Burton was certainly happy to be on the winning side, especially when he received a certificate for "Successful Participation in Boys Basketball." He reckons he is some boy at 49 years of age!

A satisfying end to an "Eternal Values" evening held by the Hereford M.I.A. was a birthday celebration for

two M.I.A. stalwarts, Geoffrey Boucher and Graham Burton. Both of these brethren share the same birthdate and are the same age. Also included in the celebration was one of the proselyting missionaries, Elder Duckworth, whose 20th birthday was a few days earlier.

The branch Music Festival proved to be a most enjoyable evening. Organised by Mary Gorman, the branch organist, musical items ranged from Pop through Folk to Beethoven, and also included music composed by Dr. Alexander Schreiner, Salt Lake City organist.

LONDON STAKE

★ Gleaners and M. Men of the Stake assembled at Luton Chapel on March 8th for a day of activity organised by the GLEMM Council of the Stake, under its Pres. Evelyn Morton, and leaders Frances Craven and Geoffrey Willmott.

The day began with minor games, potted sports and trampolining at the Luton Youth Centre, under the direction of David Cook. After such an energetic morning the lunch provided by the Ward Relief Society sisters was much appreciated. During the afternoon there was a session on drama by an advisor from the local youth service. This was followed by an hour's music appreciation, conducted by Pauline Doggett, which included brief excerpts from a range of recording David Fletcher then led the group in creative drama, and the afternoon ended with art, under the direction of Nicky Kirby.

In the first part of the evening an inspiring Eternal Values programme was held, it was conducted by Bishop Monitor C. Noyce of Luton Ward, and the main speaker was Bishop Vance Leavitt of North London Ward. Other speakers included Karen Oswell, a gleaner, and James Miller, a Master M. Man. Mar-

garet Smithe sang a solo.

The day closed with a dance organised by Marquita Leavitt.

★ Catford Branch Chapel pounded to the strains of the "Virginia Reel" on 21st February, as both young and old members alike socialised at a "Western Evening." Their own Jim Corless, John Wilkens and Barbara Jeffrey gave their interpretation of American Folk music, whilst missionary Elders Swinton and Gebbraith from Canterbury gave a lesson in folk music.

The sisters of the branch pledged to make pastries, darn socks or launder clothes, and these pledges were auctioned off to the eager brothers, much to the amusement and delight of everyone.

Planned by Barbara Jeffrey and run by members of all the auxiliaries the evening was a resounding success, but they would still like to know who pledged to complete the new extension!

★ On February 28th, under the direction of President James G. Haisell and his counselors, the First Quorum of Elders of the London Stake held a special dinner at Epsom Ward Chapel. This was designed as a missionary tool—an informal evening to which each Elder was invited to bring a non-member friend or family. The aim was to project an image of Mormons at leisure, to present an opportunity for Mormon doctrine to be aired in a friendly and informal manner so as to build up an impression of Latter-day Saints in the minds of outsiders as ordinary, everyday people like themselves.

The evening began with a splendid four course meal, ably prepared by Victor Cooper, a professional caterer. This was complemented by a short but enjoyable cabaret, consisting of a pol-

ished dance routine, presented by Don and Susan Bartholomew, followed by the antics of a highly amusing "Tame Animal Keeper" in the guise of Derek Ramsey.

After introductory remarks by Stake President, Joseph Hamstead, the proceedings continued with the showing of the film "Man's Search For Happiness" which was extremely well received, by members and non-members alike. Indeed, several non-members afterwards intimated a desire to see the film through again on the spot.

A highly successful evening-obviously, nothing but good can result from such missionary ventures as this Elder's Dinner, and it is hoped that other wards and stakes may feel prompted to emulate the praiseworthy efforts of the London Stake's First Quorum.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Twelve wards in the stake presented their Road Shows to a Full House on March 15th. The theme "WHO'S FOR . . . ?" or "WHAT'S FOR . . . ?" proved very popular and gave plenty of scope for imagination. They were transported to China, Spain, tropical islands, sheikdoms and even the moon; back in time to Camelot and up to date with the dilemma of finding a dancing partner, an operation hazard and protesting militants groups.

The judges, Sister E. McElderry, S. Gizzie and Bro. G. McNee, had a difficult task selecting the three best, but their decision was first SOUTH SHIELDS, whose lively colourful journey to fairytale land had all the true Road Show qualities. Second: GATESHEAD with "Who's for Horror" which was quite a contrast, being set amongst tombstones, but full of movement and interest. Third: NEWCASTLE seeking more recognition for wives in "Who's



Sunderland Ward's Road Show, "Who's For the Moon?"

for protest?" which was well handled.

Each was presented with a Road Show Award by Stake Pres. F. W. Oates, and REDCAR, who have had less experience in such shows, were also commended for a fine performance which placed them only 1 point behind the winners. The Show was under the direction of the Stake Drama Director Marjorie Marsh, and Y.W.M.I.A. Pres. Anne Ingram acted as time-keeper. Sis. S. Smillie and Brothers Marsh and Hodson also assisted with music, lighting and continuity.

★ BILLINGHAM Ward Relief Society Birthday Party was held March 17th, and members of the society attended with their husbands. Some of the sisters presented the play, "St. Peter and the Relief Society", for the benefit of those who did not see it when it was performed for the Stake. Games followed organised by Christine Amos, and a delicious buffet supper. followed.

★ DARLINGTON Branch held their Re-

lief Society Birthday Party on March 8th, or so a certain couple from Salt Lake City, namely Pres. and Sister Hardy, thought. It was in fact a combination of Birthday Party and a Farewell Party for this happy couple on the completion of their two year mission. On entering the meeting house, everyone felt the atmosphere of a happy secret. A welcome was given by Relief Society Pres. L. Terrell, then the time came to hand over to Bro. Terrell, who explained the real reason for the party. The members presented Pres. and Sis. Hardy with gifts of Wedgewood Pottery to show their appreciation for the work done and help and guidance they had given.

A very satisfying meal followed, after which those with enough energy played games. Further entertainment was provided by the members in an impromptu concert and everyone was amazed at the talent to be found in such a small branch. To round off the evening Pres. and Sis. Hardy cut a delicious cake, made by a member and iced the "Stars and Stripes". A further gift of a beauti-

ful gold bracelet was presented to Sister Afton Hardy, for her work as Stake R.S. president, by Sis. I. Fenwick on behalf of all the Stake Relief Society sisters. Other guests included Stake Pres. and Sis. Oates, and members of the Newton Aycliffe Ward

CONGRATULATIONS BIRTHS

★ December 26th—To Kenneth and Maria Biggs, Ispwich Branch, British Mission a son, Alan Richard.

★ January 8th—To Graham and Crystal Pearce (nee Bowe) St. Austell Branch, South West British Mission, a son, Graham Thomas James.

★ January 12th—To Raymond and Margaret Sparham, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a son, Martin.

★ January 13th—To Christopher and Elaine Canlett, Leeds Ward, Leeds Stake, a son, Royce Adrian.

★ January 17th—To John and Mary Raeburn, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, Ewan Somerled Archibald.

★ February 11th—To John and Isabelle Donaldson, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Donna.
(When Bro. and Sister Donaldson marriage was reported in the Star a few months ago, we regret that we neglected to print the date, which was March 1968.)

★ February 22nd—To Gordon and Jeannette Laurie, Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Rachel.

★ March 3rd—To Jim and Catherine Hinds, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mis-

sion, a daughter, Tracey Ann.

★ March 12th—To David and Katherine Olson, Stevenston Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, Scott Mills.

★ March 16th—To Robert and Margaret Clark, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, David.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Dean Sargent of Bellahouston Ward, Glasgow Stake, to Moria Finnie of Stevenston Branch, Scottish Mission.

★ Melvin D. Hudson and Marion A. Sparkes, both of the Gorleston Branch, British Mission.

★ Norman Myers of Newcastle Ward to Jennifer Jones of Gateshead Branch Sunderland Stake.

★ Norman Ian Newill to Geraldine Gough, both of Leeds Ward.

★ Malcolm Stacey and Pam West, both members of the Watford Branch, British South Mission.

WEDDINGS

★ The wedding of Susan Carvell and Delwyn Richardson, both of the Middlesbrough Ward, took place on 25th January in the ward chapel. The bride wore a long white dress with a lace-trimmed coat and train, and was attended by Brenda Howe, Mary Clementson, Ada Cupryna, Gwynneth Csrvell (Brides sister) Mary Leopald and Lynn Hunter. The bridesmaids wore long red velvet dresses, which added a warm note to the cold January day. The cake was cut in the hall adjoining the chapel, and the couple went on to a small reception at the Roundel Hotel, Thornaby. They will now live in Redcar.



John and Dianne Fenwick who were married at York Chapel in January.



★ William Adair and Frances Begg were married by Bishop Orval P. Mortensen of the Drumchapel Ward.



★ Ian Ross and Rebecca Rogers were married by Bishop Andrew MacRae of the Glasgow/Springburn Ward on January 18th. They later travelled to the temple.

★ Derek Ramsey and Elspeth Mazenaur of Epsom Ward were married on Saturday Nov. 23rd 1968, they attended the Temple later the same day.

OPEN HOUSE

★ On the 16th of February an Open House was held at the "Well House", the mission headquarters of the South-west British Mission. Special invitations were sent to businessmen and women who serve the mission in the course of a year. Office supply companies, barbers, travel people, and other interested people came to hear about the Gospel.

Sister Bradshaw's office was decorated with Relief Society materials. Sister Vera Ireland, Sister Myrtle Twitchell, and Sister Marie Bradshaw explained to investigators the important roles of womanhood in the world today.

Sister Bernice West, the mission Y.W.M.I.A. president had displays in



Sister Bernice West explaining about the M.I.A.

President Bradshaw's office and talked for hours with people very effectively on the vibrant youth programmes of the Church.

Sister Mary Nowlan of the mission Primary Board took part of the dining room to set up colourful and decorative displays depicting the wonderful programmes for children. The other part of the dinning room was filled with Book of Mormon displays including a large map of the world and replicas of the Golden Plates and Scrolls. The living room had displays which explained the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel. It turned out to be a wonderful way to introduce people who do business with the "Mormons": just what the Church is all about.



Sister Vera Ireland and Sister Marie Bradshaw with the Relief Society displays.

President McKay

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ances thereof. Thus at the very inception of this great latter-day work was laid the immovable cornerstone of Christ's Church in this dispensation; that is, the authority to officiate in the name of Jesus Christ in things pertaining to his Church.

The harmony of Joseph Smith's teachings with those taught by the Saviour and his apostles; the reasonableness of his assertion that men must be called of God to officiate in things pertaining to God; the complete organization of the Church: its government, laws, and wonderful adaptations to the needs and to the advancement of the human family—these and many other phases of this great latter-day work, when even only partly understood, lead thinking persons to ponder upon the stories of the prophet's wisdom.

The marks of his influence upon religious thought are manifest on every hand; and whether men acknowledge it

or not, the light that came from heaven over a century ago is dissipating the darkness that has enthralled the minds of men for ages.

When we look through the vista of a century and a half and see the boy prophet standing alone in the midst of a tempestuously religious world, declaring that God had spoken to him and that there was not an authorized Church of Christ upon the earth; when we know that to make good his claim, he must give to the world something superior to that produced by the philosophy of the ages and the best wisdom of man; when we realize how impotent he was to do this if dependent alone upon his own learning and wisdom; we cannot help but conclude, since he has given to the world something which stands today in brilliancy and sublimity superior to anything proclaimed by human wisdom, that surely he was indeed the Chosen Prophet of the latter-day.

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their privilege to exercise it? Can God be pleased with people of little or no faith?

Type Of Faith

Listen to the words of Alma:

"Yea, there are many who do say: If thou wilt show unto us a sign from heaven, then we shall know of a surety; then we shall believe.

"Now I ask, is this faith? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for if a man knoweth a thing he hath no cause to believe, for he knoweth it.

"And now as I said concerning faith

—faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true." (Alma 32:17-18, 21.)

And this is the type of faith that Latter-day Saints should have, and recognize that scripture is from God, revealed through the Holy Ghost for the blessing and for the good of God's children, and being our Creator, certainly He would not give us any principle or reveal any truth that was not for our good.

"My Son Is A Mormon

★ "I have just read your article of the 'Pestering Mormons' in the Corby Leader (February 21), to which you gave a front page spread."

So began the letter of a father to the editor of the Corby Leader. The letter was in answer to that "front page spread" headed, "Pestering Mormons Under Fire."

The newspaper story quoted an urban councillor and a vicar speaking out viciously against "young American Mormons".

Mr Jack Stevens, the councillor, "has called for a stop to their onslaught on unsuspecting people' in the town.

Mr. Stevens accused the Mormons of "applying the 'hard sell' to Christianity". His attack has been backed up by the Rev. Ted Bale, Vicar of St. Peter and St. Andrew on the towns Beanfield Estate.

"He said 'They are more difficult to get rid of than a door-to-door salesman or an encyclopedia salesman,'"

Mr. Stevens claimed that once inside homes "they (the Mormons) were very persistent and it was very difficult to get rid of them."

Mr. Bale told his church followers that the Mormons were not members of the World Council of Churches "because of their 'outrageous' beliefs." He further said "The Mormons are plausible and dedicated. I cannot help but admire their enthusiasm—but far from the Christian faith." . . . they are very enthusiastic and dedicated."

We reprint herewith the letter to the editor.

"MY SON IS A MORMON—AND PROUD OF IT."

"I have just read your article of the "Pestering Mormons" in the Corby Leader (February 21), to which you gave a front page spread.

"I am a Scotsman born and bred. I was married in the Church of England during the last war, while in the Indian Ordnance Dept., to a Military Nursing Service Sister when we were both in service in India. We are the parents of one of your 'Pestering Mormons.'

"Both my wife and myself are still C of E, but we both believe in religious freedom, of thought and speech, and the right for every man and woman to make up their own mind as to religious beliefs and paths they wish to follow.

"The 'Pestering Mormon,' my eldest son, Robin, was brought up and went to a council school here in Paisley. He served his apprenticeship as an engineer here too. Aye, and like any other robust schoolboy, I've known him to come home snorting a shiner.

— and Proud Of It"

"Not that he was a troublemaker, but he didn't run away from it and lots of times it was in defence of his younger brothers or sister.

"During his teens he could have gone like so many teenagers and run with a gang, but he was a lover of sport, full of life, always ready to help, bubbling with laughter and always saw the funny side and the bright side of life

"My son turned to the Mormon religion, was baptised into that faith, gave up smoking, stopped drinking tea, coffee and settled himself down to live up to the beliefs he had in the religion of his choice.

"He brought his Mormon friends to our home, both Scotch and American. He tried to convert my wife and I to the Mormon faith, but my wife was too strong and rigid in her ways of the C of E, and I was fond of my smokes, pints, tea and coffee. For another thing, I would have found the Mormon faith too hard to live up to.

"Robin, like most young men, wanted to see a bit of the world, so he saved up and with our blessing set off for Alberta, Canada, knowing that if it was not to his liking he could always come back to his home in Scotland.

"He had his tough times, but we didn't know about them until much later. However, he made good and stuck rigidly to his faith. Then he decided to go on a mission for two years for the Mormon Church. He didn't know where but his Church decided to post him to the Central British Mission in England.

"He's among you in Corby. He loves you, and he has told us in his letters home how really heartwarming the people of Corby are and that quite a big percentage of the Corby population are Scots, or of Scots descent.

"Slam him, slam my son Robin, in your newspapers, but remember, even the Son of Man was held to ridicule for preaching to the people His own beliefs, but He was never shaken or turned away."

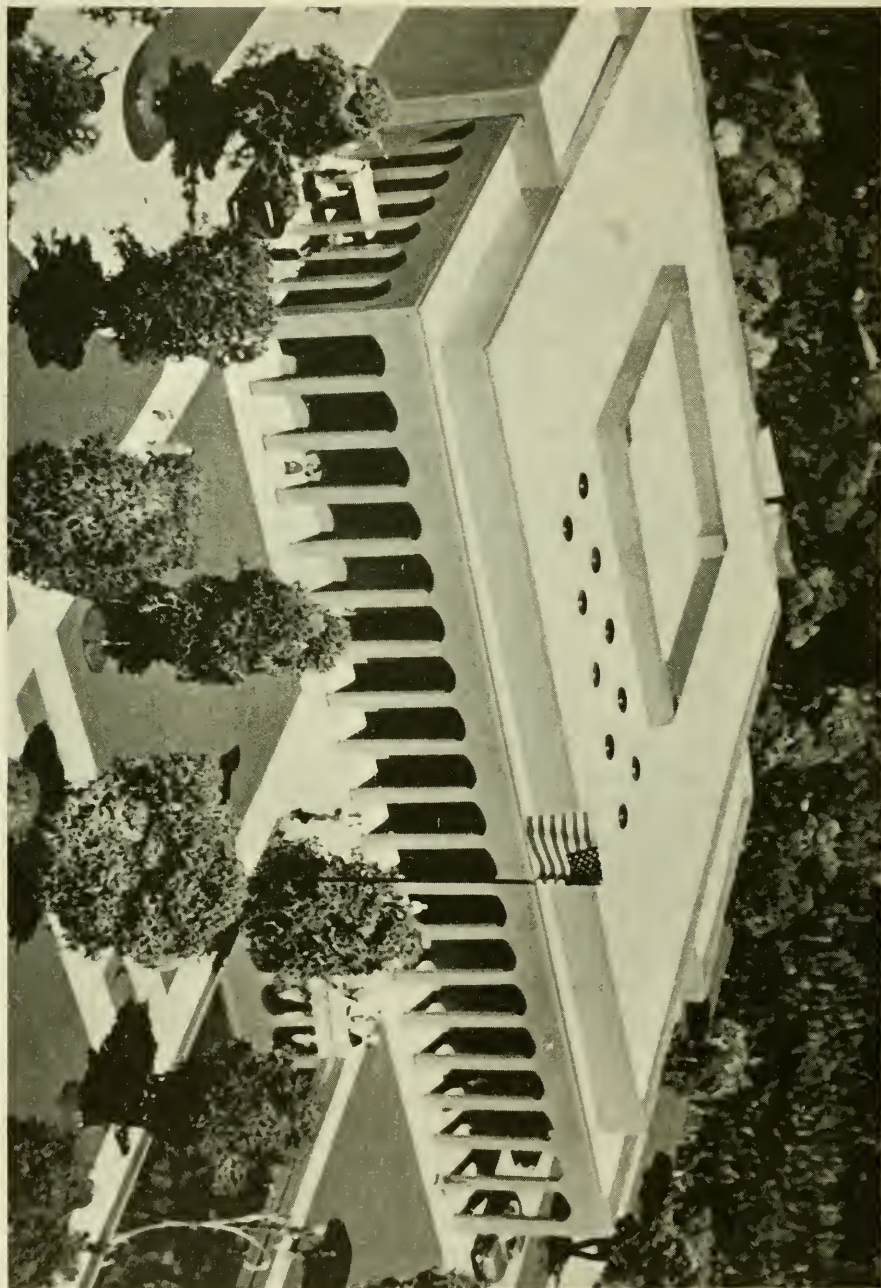
Signed

James McFarlane Crawford,

3 Mannering Road,

Forbar, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

(Editor's Note: Thank you Mr. Crawford for that very fine letter. We are proud of your son and his desire to serve His Heavenly Father. We pray His blessings upon your son in his great missionary proselyting assignment and also His blessings upon you, Elder Crawford's parents. There is no need for further comment, the letter speaks for itself.)



Nauvoo Visitors Centre

Nauvoo—The Beautiful

Visitors Centre To Rise On Historic Temple Site

★ A further step in making historic Nauvoo, Illinois, a noted tourist mecca was taken with the recent announcement of construction of a new imposing two-story Visitors Centre scheduled to begin this summer.

Dr. J. LeRoy Kimball, president and chairman of Nauvoo Restoration, Incorporated, a non-profit corporation sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said ground breaking is scheduled for May 24, with prominent national and Church officials participating.

The two-story structure, 155 foot square, will be constructed in red brick typical of other buildings of the Nauvoo period. It will be on a 16 acre plot at the intersections of Main St. and Young, Partridge and Hibbard Streets.

Planned for the new Visitors Centre will be two theaters, a large library of data about Nauvoo, a lecture hall, lounges, and administrative offices, all designed to tell the historic story of the founding of Nauvoo by the Mormons in 1839. Many of the activities of the Saints in Nauvoo period of 1839-1846 will be recorded for tourists.

"The new Visitors Centre will be on a site which provides a panoramic view of the restored community and the Mississippi River as it winds around the knoll the city is built on," says Dr. Kimball.

"In the Nauvoo Visitors Centre we will orient the tourist to the city and show him a 30-minute film about Nauvoo and its history. After the film the visitors will board buses which will take them to the points of interest throughout the city."

Plans for the new Visitors Centre were drawn by Steven T. Baird, Salt Lake City architect.

Also under consideration is a partial restoration of the Nauvoo Temple on the original temple site. When it was completed it was one of the most imposing structures in America. The partial restoration is planned for the near future.

Dr. Kimball said he envisions eventually construction of a Nauvoo Temple Square similar to the famed Salt Lake Temple Square.

Nauvoo is expected to attract nearly half a million tourists a year by 1974, he said. Nearly 150,000 visitors registered there last year.

Dr. Kimball explained that the new Visitors Centre will greatly increase the tourist potential of Nauvoo, which will in turn, provide opportunity to tell the story of the Mormons who built up the city under the Prophet Joseph Smith. At the peak of Mormon activities there, Nauvoo was the largest city in Illinois, and one of the twenty largest in the United States.



Patrice Anderson, violinist, of Hyde Park Ward.



Organiser Gillian Goldthorpe, soprano, of Hyde Park Ward.

Hyde Park Ward Concert Fills Dual Purpose

Story by Alice Hudson

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(Both recent converts in the Hyde Park Ward)

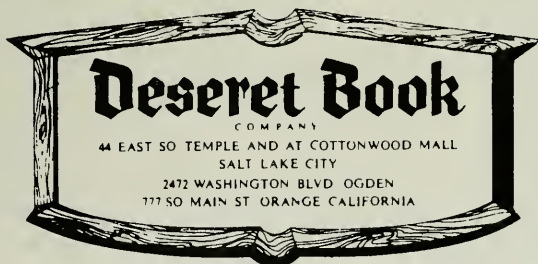
★ The "Golden Talent" classical music evening held recently in the Hyde Park Chapel was so well attended that seating was extended into the Cultural Hall for the 600 or more people present.

Purpose of this night was to invite investigators and others interested in the Church to a social event, wherein they might meet the members and the missionaries. We hoped that by enjoying

themselves, these people might wish to come again and feel welcome in our company.

There were fourteen items on the programme, and to perform them were artists from the B.B.C. Chorus, The Royal Academy, The Royal College and the Guildhall School of Music, including members of the Ward, Gillian Goldthorpe, Harry Lyddall and Patrice Anderson, and Pauline Doggett from London Stake.

The performers were excellent, and gave us a most professional programme with a good mixture of talent. Even the



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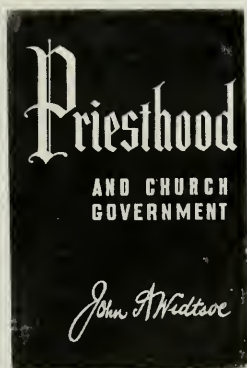
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youngest performers illustrated their talents with no obvious lack through less experience or years. They all intergrated really well with their individual pieces to give a well-balanced diet of music, and Brother Frank Paterson did an excellent job as compere, with a gentle touch of humour and not too many words! As such evenings are fairly unusual for people such as myself, it was very refreshing to hear what my seniors call "real music"!

This was one of the biggest events that any single ward has attempted, and a great deal of work went into the production, its success must have been a great reward to those who participated. Gillian Goldthorpe was in charge. She had many helpers who were both young

in years and as members of the Church, and this is just one indication of how young people in this Ward are encouraged to be active. One young lady helper isn't even a member yet!

After the programme a film was shown called "Man's Search for Happiness" for the benefit of "all those visitors who are not of our persuasion and who wished to know more about us," as Bishop Bateman put it.

Even though it was a completely cultural evening, I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I know that many of the other members of the audience did too, both by their remarks afterwards, and from their applause at the end in full appreciation of the artists' and organisers efforts.

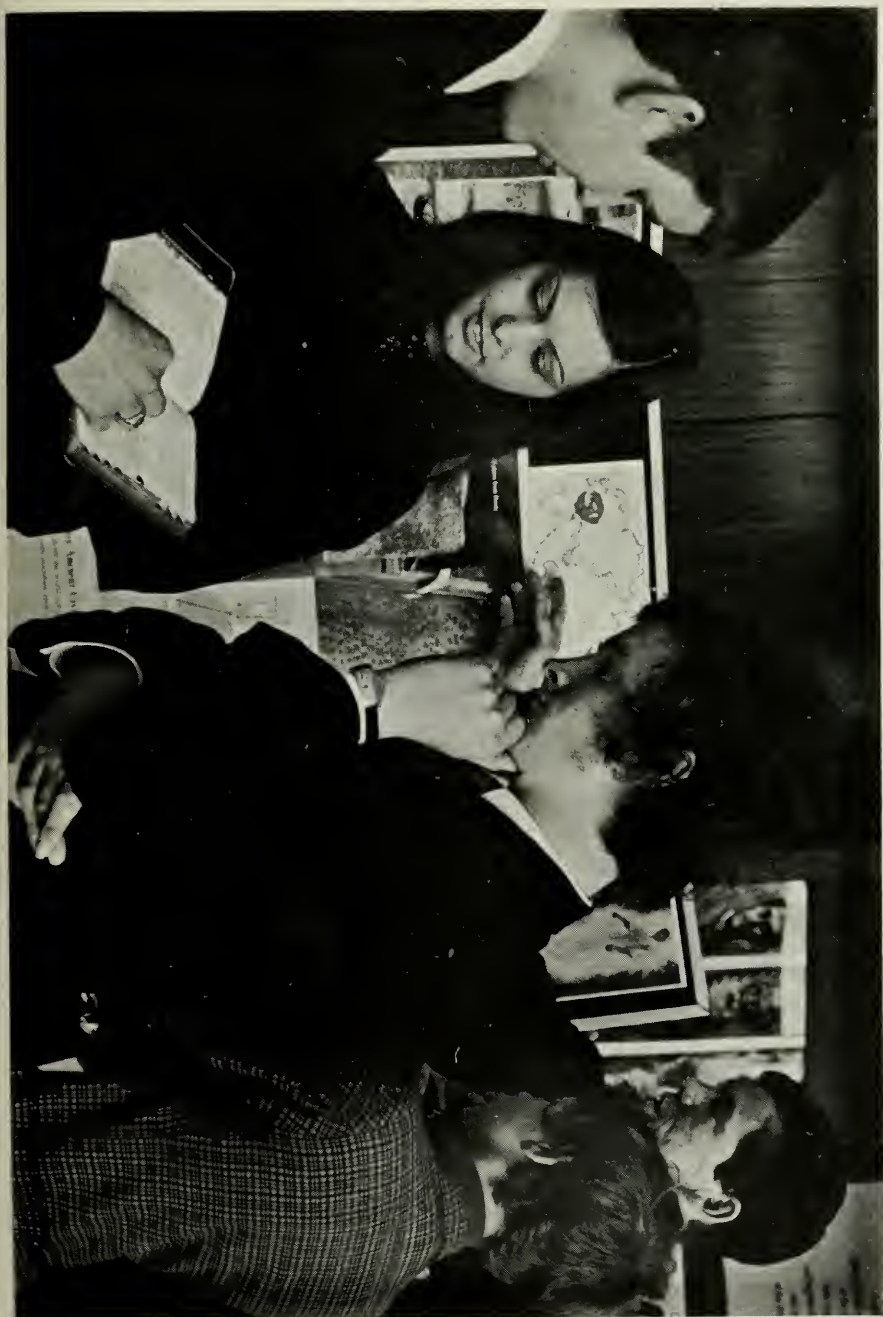
Church Planning August World Conference On Records

★ In August The Genealogical Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host a World Conference on Records and Genealogical Convention and Seminar. Archivists, librarians, historians, genealogists, microfilmmers, demographers, sociologists, medical scientists, government agencies, and others who are interested in the protection of the world's vital records are being invited to speak.

Members are invited to attend this convention which is being held during the Diamond Jubile Year (75th Anniversary) of the Genealogical Society. It will be held August 5-8 in the Salt Lake

County Civic Auditorium (Salt Palace). The Genealogical Society was founded 19 November 1894.

The theme of the World Conference on Records is "Records Protection in an Uncertain World". The Genealogical Society, with its accumulated experience in records-gathering and protection, has assumed the leadership and responsibility in bringing these people together for this purpose. Seminars on archival, historical and genealogical subjects will be held concurrently where scholars, researchers, and interested amateurs will gather to present papers and exchange ideas on all types of problems.



Elder Benson teaching the Gospel during Hyde Park Ward open house.

Couple Named To Direct London Temple Visitors Centre

★ Brother and Sister O. David Merrill who will be in charge of the beautiful new Visitors Centre at the London Temple have now assumed this responsibility, familiarizing themselves with the temple area and the Centre. The new building is practically ready for the dedication which, it is believed, will be held in the near future.

Brother O. David and Sister Ruth Perkins Merrill were both born in southern Idaho, she at Montpelier and he at Preston.

On graduating from the Utah State University in 1923, he was called as a missionary to Great Britain, serving the major part of his mission in the Sheffield area. He also served in Dublin and London.

After their marriage in 1927, they lived for fifteen years in Salt Lake City Utah, where two of their three children were born. In 1944 they moved to Richland, Washington and in 1946, to Wilmington, Delaware. His employment took them to northern New Jersey in 1954 and on his retirement from regular employment in 1967 they returned to Salt Lake City, Utah.

During their residence in Utah he has served as assistant Sunday School superintendent, stake Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent, chairman of the ward genealogical committee and assistant High Priests group leader. He was a counselor in the branch presidency at Richland, Washington, president of the Wilmington, Del. branch, member of the New



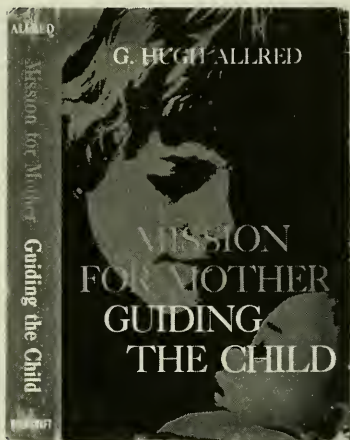
Bro. and Sis. O. David Merrill, directors, Visitors Centre at London Temple.

York Stake High Council, first bishop of the Caldwell N.J. ward and High Priests group leader in that ward.

Sister Merrill has been a teacher in the Relief Society on several occasions, counselor in the branch Y.W.M.I.A. at Richland, Washington, president of the Wilmington, Del. branch Relief Society, and of the East Penn District Relief Society. While at New Jersey she was president of a branch of the Short Hills Ward Primary and a member of the New York Stake Primary board, counselor in the Relief Society and Sunday School teacher in the Caldwell, N.J. ward. More recently she was a teacher in the Cottonwood Sixth Ward Relief Society and one of the workers at the Salt Lake Temple.



John Q. Cannon, left, director, Church Information Service; Elders Richard L. Evans, James A. Cullimore, Mark E. Petersen; and Theodore C. Jacobsen, director, Temple Square Visitors Centre, inspected relief map of Great Britain pinpointing chapels, prior to shipment of display to London Temple Visitors Centre.



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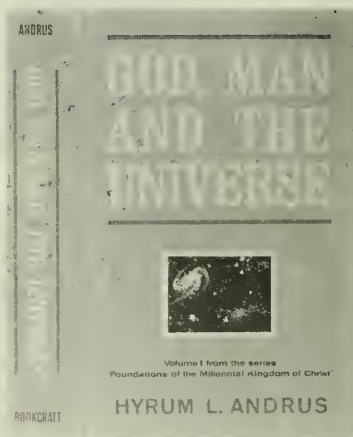
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—Joseph Smith

